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Fuming MP showdown with boss of Morrisons

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A SOLUTION to the long-running saga over the disused Morrisons' site could be just weeks away, as tempers continue to flare over plans for the supermarket building.

This week MP Greg Clark slammed the supermarket giant's response to his demands for the derelict Tunbridge Wells store to hand over its lease to Waitrose. Morrisons is currently pondering two options – reopen, or hand over the remainder of the lease to its upmarket competitor. Either way, Mr Clark does not want the site empty any longer.

In a strongly worded letter to the company's chief executive Dalton Philips, Mr Clark blasted Morrisons over claims that it is refusing to hand over its lease. Disgruntled by the response, he will travel today, Thursday, to Bradford for a face-to-face meeting with executives to force a solution.

With the CEO away, group corporate

services director Martyn Jones replied to Mr Clark's letter saying: "I can assure you that as a board we are looking at all options for this site. We hope to have a suitable option to share with you in the coming few weeks."

Mr Clark said: "I was completely dissatisfied with the response I received from Morrisons and have asked to meet with the company's senior management in person."

Morrisons shut its store in 2006 – but retains the lease for the building which continues to stand empty.

According to a spokesman for the supermarket chain, the Waitrose deal remains an option and has not been ruled out. It is also considering the potential to open another Morrisons on the site.

Mr Clark's letter, which called into question the values of the firm if it was standing in the way of another supermarket opening on the site, has acted as something of a call to arms.

People in the town have taken to

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Fashionable quarter

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FILM

Did leak spoil Brad filming?

RUMOURS are circulating that Brad Pitt's planned visit to the town to shoot scenes for his next blockbuster were scuppered after news of his arrival was leaked to the local media. The film crew switched shooting to Glasgow meaning the town lost out on a vital boost to the local economy. **PAGE 3**

REGENERATION

Revealed: The plans for town

COUNCIL leader Bob Atwood has finally confirmed his plans going forward with the town's controversial redevelopment. Inside he reveals how he intends to shape the town for future generations with a co-ordinated strategy. But what of the civic complex? Find out inside. **PAGE 6**

CRIME

Arson attacks – man charged

POLICE have charged a man over a string of arson attacks last weekend. Fire crews were called out to five incidents on Sunday night and the early hours of Monday morning. This week a 25-year-old appeared before magistrates to face charges. **PAGE 5**

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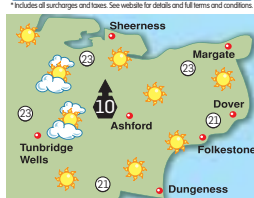
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GROT SPOT

It's time to fix 'bleak and depressing' Morrisons site

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social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook with vigour this week to express their discontent. With calls to boycott the Crowborough store, its failure to occupy the prominent grot spot appears to be giving people a reason not to shop at Morrisons.

Opposite the town's railway station, the empty store, with its boarded up doors and windows, is proving a magnet for graffiti and littering, and, says Mr Clark, a "bleak and depressing" welcome for visitors.

In an attempt to ease unrest, the Morrisons spokesman said this week: "Waitrose is still one of the options being considered, we've always maintained that, we are still looking at."

"It is complicated and there are a lot of issues with the site."

"This is an on-going process and we are considering all the options before we come to a conclusion."

He added: "We know the strength of feeling in the town and the desire for a quick resolution to this and we are mindful of that. The site is still being marketed."

Rather bizarrely, Tweets in response to residents' concerns, containing spelling and grammatical errors, appeared, claiming to be from the supermarket. However, it was later admitted to be a fake account and no connection to Morrisons.

Meanwhile, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's leader Bob Atwood said the authority would also be keeping up the pressure on Morrisons to bring the site back into use. He welcomed Mr Clark's intervention, saying: "Greg's letter is important as it lets Morrisons' chief executive know just how wide

the concerns are about the decision being made by his company to prevent investment in this very visible grot spot."

He said the council and Canada Life, which owns the building, have been involved in discussions about the site to find an agreement that would remove its 'grot spot' status.

■ For the full letter from Mr Clark, the response from Morrisons, and full statement from Mr Atwood, see our website www.your-tunbridgewells.co.uk. And leave your comments sharing your views on the saga.



FIRM STAND: MP Greg Clark's letter shows his disapproval of the state of the Morrisons site

TRAVEL

Commuters face more agony after big hike in fares

By Jenna Pudelek

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COMMUTERS in west Kent will face huge increases of up to 13 per cent on their rail fares next year – sparking fury from long-suffering train users.

Passenger groups across the county have been protesting over the inflation-busting hikes in regulated ticket prices announced this week.

Campaigners fear people will no longer be able to afford to travel to work in London, while concerns have also been raised that more people will be forced to turn to already-congested roads, which will harm the environment.

Annual season ticket prices are set to soar, with commuters in Tunbridge Wells paying up to an extra £487 for the fare, now costing an annual £4,235.

In Sevenoaks, passengers will see £366 added to the ticket at £3,182.

Tonbridge rail travellers will be paying up to £3,851, which is £443 more than their current fare.

Train companies set regulated fares, which include season tickets, based on the July retail price index (RPI), which was announced as five per cent on Tuesday. Under the Government-set formula, fares for next year can be increased by the July RPI plus three per cent.

Operators are allowed to raise fares on some routes by 13 per cent, as long as their average increase does not exceed eight per cent.

The Tonbridge Line Commuters have been canvassing at Tonbridge and Hildenborough stations as part of the Fair Fares Now drive organised by the Campaign for Better Transport.

In the last four years, rail fares from Tonbridge station have risen 34.6 per cent from £2,532 in 2007 to £3,408 this year. The TLC fear the cost of a sea-



son ticket from Tonbridge to London will be £4,374 by 2015.

Passengers from Kent joined a protest at Waterloo organised by the Campaign for Better Transport on Tuesday over the rail fare increases.

A spokeswoman for train operator Southeastern said: "The cost of season ticket fares are directly regulated by the Government. It's their policy that passengers should pay more towards their journey and taxpayers contribute less."

"So subsidy paid to Southeastern by the Department for Transport to operate rail services in this area decreases in line with passengers' fares increasing."

In response to protests over fare increases, the Transport Secretary, Philip Hammond, said the current programme of heavy investment in the rail industry would "simply have not been possible" without above-inflation fare increases.

Other rail companies have previously

only increased fares by the July RPI plus one per cent.

However, passengers in Kent have long-faced the plus three per cent due to Southeastern's franchise agreement with the DfT.

The company says it has increased investment in infrastructure, but many passengers, MPs and campaigners are furious and say the huge fare increases have not improved services or the experiences of the majority of travellers.

Steve Dawe, of the Tonbridge-based Kent Green Party, said: "Decades of under-investment have left a legacy of poor quality track and signalling and points that are not fully weather-proofed."

"Rail commuters are penalised for doing the right thing – staying off Kent's congested roads."

He said the Government's rail fare policy clashed with its commitment to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

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ANIMALS

Obesity boom leads to porky pampered pets

By Chris Britcher

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THE number of fat cats and dogs taken to one of west Kent's top animal re-homing centres has doubled in the past year.

Battersea Dogs & Cats Home Brands Hatch is now calling on pet owners across Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Sevenoaks and the rest of the county to monitor their animals' weight after the boom in obesity.

It says failure to keep pampered pets trim can result in health difficulties.

Cattery re-homer and animal welfare assistant, Sharon Weller, said: "These days we hardly ever see the thin hungry strays, instead we're seeing more large dogs and cats whose owners bring them in, so we want to remind people not to be complacent about their pet's weight."

Nicky the cat arrived at the home in June, and at nearly 10kg, the 11-year-old tipped the scales at almost twice his ideal weight. He currently weighs the same as a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, and is so big he is unable to groom his rear and has to be bathed and

cleaned by the cattery staff.

Mrs Weller explains: "It must be horrible for Nicky to be so big, and it is not good for his health. It is very hard for cats to lose weight, and as Nicky is older it will be a real challenge.

"I don't think he'll ever be slim again, but we'd like him to lose enough weight so he can at least groom himself. Hopefully he will be more active if he explores and goes outside, so he needs a new owner who can see past his big tummy and give him a loving home."

She says the boom in larger cats can be attributed to an increase in indoor cats, who often become very food-orientated, and more multi-cat households, where cats are able to steal each other's food. To help their cats, owners should monitor food intake, encourage cats to go outside, and play games to keep them moving, she says.

And it's not just cats piling on the pounds. Hazel is a five-year-old Australian Cattle Dog, who's veterinary records show she weighed 11kg two years ago. When she arrived at Battersea in June she was a whopping 20kg.

Another chunky resident is Missy the Bull Mastiff cross, who weighs in at 46kg.

Re-homer and animal welfare assistant, Helen Stone, added: "Overweight dogs commonly suffer from many health concerns, such as arthritis and problems with the heart, lungs and kidneys, not forgetting the added pressure upon the joints and muscles. If these problems are tackled quickly enough, owners and their dogs would enjoy a healthier and better quality of life for many more years, instead of the risk of a premature death."



Nicky, Hazel and Missy are all now looking for new homes. If you can help them achieve their weight loss goals and offer them a new home, contact Battersea Brands Hatch on 01474 875106 or bbh.rehomers@battersea.org.uk.

FAT CAT: Poor Nicky has got so big he's unable to groom himself properly

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Charitable poetry book

A WOMAN whose father and grandfather have battled cancer has been inspired to publish a poetry anthology to raise money for charity.

Tunbridge Wells' Annie Morgan hopes to raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The anthology, *Soul Feathers*, has a theme of hope. Contributors include the Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, Bob Dylan, and Leonard Cohen. It is available to buy from local bookshops and Macmillan and Indigo Dreams' website.

➔ Otters have returned

TWO otters – once feared lost from England's waterways – have been spotted in the county.

One was spotted on the River Eden, which flows through Edenbridge, and the other on the River Medway, delighting conservationists.

The Environment Agency's national conservation manager, Alastair Driver said: "The recovery of otters from near-extinction shows how far we've come in controlling pollution and improving water quality."

➔ Antmusic hits theatre

FORMER Dandy Highwayman and Prince Charming, Eighties pop sensation Adam Ant, will be dazzling crowds on his much-acclaimed comeback tour at Tunbridge Wells' Assembly Hall Theatre in December.

The singer will be performing on December 2, showcasing some of the biggest hits of a career which included a raft of number one hits. Tickets are on sale now.

FILM

Did leak put off movie star Brad?

SPECULATION is growing Brad Pitt was forced to pull out of shooting his latest blockbuster in Tunbridge Wells after news of his arrival was leaked to the local media.

At the time it first emerged, many expressed fears that the advance publicity could scupper the heart-throb from shooting scenes for *World War Z* at the disused Morrisons supermarket.

Rumours this week suggested movie bosses pulled the plug on plans as a result of a councilor leaking the details. However, with a number of other organisations let in on the secret, the leak may have come from elsewhere.

Filming was due to have taken place last month with the A-listers set to make an appearance in the town. But just weeks before he was set to appear, publicists for the film revealed shooting was instead switching to Glasgow.

The blow cost the town potentially hundreds of thousands of pounds to the local economy.

One industry insider said: "Film crews get very jittery if too much information is revealed. They don't want to be deluged with fans all day long – and it makes life difficult for the stars too."

"Normally we insist on details remaining very low key – the fact information was so widely publicised may have been its undoing. All I do know is that up until the point stories starting appearing, everything had been going smoothly."

The Kent County Council Film Office, which promotes the county as a location for film



NO SHOW: Brad Pitt went to Glasgow to film *World War Z* instead of Morrisons in Tunbridge Wells

crews, insist it was more a scheduling issue. However, it had warned after news first leaked that anything which could disrupt the filming could deter studios from pushing ahead.

Gabrielle Lindemann said: "We were informed the planned filming of *WWZ* in Tunbridge Wells will not now go ahead due to a re-schedule which means the production cannot revisit this part of the UK."

"One of the producers called to thank everyone involved in preparations and said that the support received had been excellent, and Kent would be considered for future projects."

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council declined to comment.

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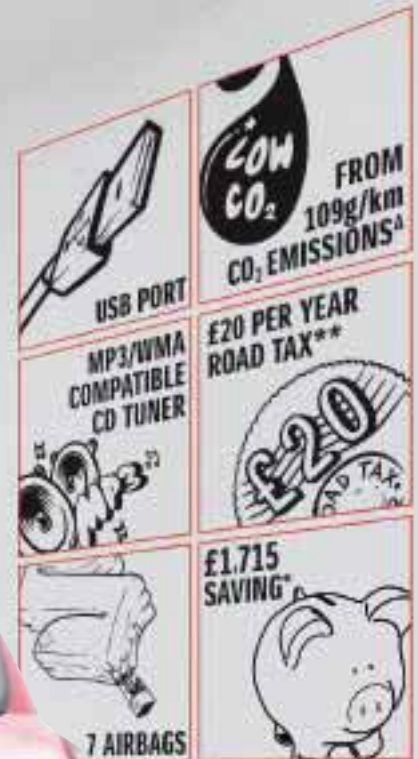
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CRIME

25-year-old charged with arson



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A 25-year-old man has appeared in court, charged in connection with a string of arson attacks in Tunbridge Wells last Sunday night.

Darren Hart of Goods Station Road appeared before Sevenoaks magistrates on Tuesday.

He was remanded in custody facing three counts of arson, two counts of arson recklessly endangering life and one count of racial or religious aggravation.

Officers from Kent Police and Kent Fire and Rescue Service were called to five fires at sites across Tunbridge Wells during the evening of August 14 and in the early hours of Monday morning.

The first fire occurred at 8.14pm at Elizabeth Garlick Court on Goods Station Road, where paper was ignited next to an electrical box.

At 8.47pm, at the rear of a property in Dale Street, rubbish was set alight in the garden of a derelict house.

Less than an hour later at 9.30pm, at Tesco Metro in Grosvenor Road, packaging was set alight against wall of shop, which spread to the inside of the building.

At 10.15pm a commercial wheelie bin was destroyed at the Trinity Theatre and Arts Association in Church Road with the last fire at 12.47am in Wood Street, where a wheelie bin was set alight.

No-one was hurt in the incidents and only minor damage was caused, although four fire engines were called to tackle the blaze at the Tesco Metro store.

Meanwhile, police have issued a warning to the business community following a series of distraction thefts in shops and offices in towns

across west Kent, where mobile phones and cash have been taken.

Businesses in Tunbridge Wells, Westerham, Sevenoaks, Larkfield, Swanley and Edenbridge have all fallen prey to thieves, who distract their victims by conversation or by asking to swap money from the till.

Police say 15 similar offences of this nature have been reported since mid March, with the latest two occurring last Wednesday.

Many of the incidents described the offenders as two women of dark European appearance.

In one case on July 31 at Osborns newsagent in London Road, Tunbridge Wells, two women asked the cashier to change notes from the till. In doing so, the employee was distracted while they stole his mobile phone and also took £100 from the cash register as money was passed back and forth.

DC Matthew Hulbert said: "These are crimes of opportunity and we want to warn businesses not to give these offenders the opportunity they are looking for. I would warn cashiers to be especially vigilant when asked to change money or when engaged in conversation, as a means of distraction.

"The offenders may even go to the lengths of using flyers or obscuring the view of staff, but if you are in any way suspicious I urge you to contact police immediately."

Anyone with information about the incident at Osborns newsagents or any similar offence is asked to contact police in Tonbridge on 01732 379217.

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Car crash biker dies

A 19-year-old motorcyclist has died in hospital after he was hit by a car on Main Road, Edenbridge, last Sunday afternoon.

The teenager, from the town, was airlifted to Royal London Hospital but died on Monday. The crash happened at around 2.35pm. A blue Renault Clio was turning right into Enterprise Way, when a yellow Honda motorbike approached from behind, overtaking other vehicles. It then collided with the Clio as it was turning.

➔ Care home is closed

THE health watchdog has closed down a care home for adults with autism and 'challenging behaviour' in Tunbridge Wells.

Care Quality Commission inspectors found Four Nevill Park was not meeting quality and safety standards and the people it looked after were not experiencing effective, safe and appropriate care. Kent County Council and other local authorities have now found alternative placements for the 13 people who were at the home.

➔ Revving up for Ashley

CAR dealership Cooper Tunbridge Wells has thrown its support behind budding Olympic 2012 hopeful Ashley Jackson.

The local hockey player is hoping to challenge for gold as part of the Great Britain team at the Games in London next year. With BMW an official sponsor, the dealers are now promoting the athlete as he prepares for the sporting extravaganza – and providing him with a new BMW.

BLAZE: Five fires were started during the night

STYLE

Training helps Undercover support for fashion and fitness after a mastectomy

A LINGERIE shop in Sevenoaks has been recognised as a 'centre of excellence' for bras, swimwear and specialist sports-wear that fit women who have had mastectomies.

It comes as the charity Macmillan Cancer Support has launched a new campaign, Move More, to encourage people to return to exercise after treatment for cancer.

Staff at Undercover in Bank Street successfully completed a training course run by specialist lingerie company Anita to fit the collection.

A spokeswoman said: "Mastectomy sports bras and swimwear give breast cancer patients the freedom to get back to the gym with confidence that they look great and are fully supported.

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mastectomy-trained lingerie expert is a light at the end of the tunnel. Providing reassurance, reinstating curves

and renewing confidence."

Macmillan said doctors used to advise people to rest as much as possible after cancer treatment, but this is now an outdated view. Too much rest results in loss of muscle strength and lowers energy levels.

The charity said being active during and after treatment can reduce tiredness, reduce stress and anxiety, help look after your bone and heart, reduce the risk of getting a blood clot and keep your weight healthy.

Patients were advised to speak to their cancer specialist about the right level of exercise for their fitness level.

Macmillan's report, Move More, says that of the two million cancer survivors in the UK, around 1.6 million are not physically active enough.

Adult cancer patients and cancer survivors should undertake 150 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity per week, the reports found, which is what Department of Health guidelines recommend.

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REGENERATION

Atwood unveils his plans for the



By Jenna Pudelek

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TUNBRIDGE Wells council leader Bob Atwood has, for the first time, set out a clear position on the future of the civic complex.

Proposals to redevelop the Grade-II listed buildings, which include the Town Hall, proved hugely controversial and have been on pause.

Now, Cllr Atwood's approach is to create an "aspirational", overarching town plan that is set to shape Tunbridge Wells for the next 30 to 40 years. In his words, to find a balance between "reactionary conservatism" and "militant modernism".

Despite being just one of 38 sites around the borough earmarked for development by the equally contentious Tunbridge Wells Regeneration Company, the civic complex has been the most divisive by far.

He said: "We have made a clear political statement that we are not about to rush in and demolish and change, in anyway, the civic centre until things have been properly thought through."

The civic centre development will not move forward until the Town Plan has been created, the derelict cinema grot

spot is resolved, another space has been found for the 'public facilities', such as the theatre and Town Hall, and a way to preserve some or all of the architecture and style of the current buildings has been found.

For some, this latest episode in the town's redevelopment saga is seen as yet another delay to progress.

One member of the town's active community on social network website Twitter wrote: "It's not a plan, it's an outline of a plan to develop a plan that might be implemented before we all die."

But Cllr Atwood urged people to be patient, he said: "What we are planning to do could influence people living here for the next 100 years or so. I do not see there is a great rush. I want to do this carefully in a considered way."

His plans have been broadly welcomed, in particular the proposal for a Town Plan Advisory Panel, which would be independent from the council.

It would include people from special interest groups such as the Civic Society and Town Forum, as well as local experts such as surveyors and architects, he said. He has already begun making the phone calls to interested parties and hopes it will begin to take shape by the end of the month.

John Forster, chair of the Civic Society, said: "We would welcome involvement in the panel. The society has many people with extensive knowledge of the history of the town and what has happened in the past."

"We are committed to the improvement, not just its conservation."

He suggested that as it was such a long-term plan, it would be good to decide phases of what might be done in five, 10 and 15 years time.

Katharina Mahler-Bech of the Town Forum, also expressed interest in the panel. Mr Forster and Mrs Mahler-Bech welcomed Cllr Atwood's move away from piecemeal development. And his plans to treat the town's major sites, such as the cinema and the Kent & Sussex Hospital, as "separate pieces of a more complex jigsaw".

Leading architect and resident Ptolemy Dean, who specialises in historic buildings and designing new buildings in sensitive locations, has raised concerns that the council's redevelopment plans have shown that it fails to understand what makes the town special.

He said: "It looks as if there might now be a moment of reflection about how and what might be done in Tunbridge Wells. While the emphasis might be

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placed upon what changes could be made, I would hope that as a first stage this plan might be based upon a sound understanding and appreciation of what makes Tunbridge Wells such a successful place for people to live and enjoy now, when so many of the neighbouring towns are so clearly unsuccessful by comparison."

Mr Dean added: "The new town plan needs to be based upon building on existing truths rather than plotting future fantasies which ride roughshod over existing sensitivities."

Tracy Moore, a prominent member of the previous administration's cabinet as former economic development portfolio holder, gave a more cautious welcome to the plans.

She said: "I'm pleased Cllr Atwood has acknowledged the need for Royal Tunbridge Wells to invest, or risk decline. However, I'm concerned about the intention to form yet another group to discuss the future of the town."

"This opportunity already exists through the public consultation process for the Town Centre Area Action Plan (TCAAP), expected in early 2012. The opportunity for member involvement already exists through the monthly Member Working Party for the LDF (Local Development Framework), of which



I was recently made chairman. I'm afraid of more 'talking shops' and further delay to action, change or improvement. Plus change..."

As Cllr Atwood said of the panel, the whole process will be a "living organism" with no definitive timeframe. However, he said the TCAAPs for all the towns within the borough have to be ready for consultation by the end of the year and the separate, long-term Town Plan for Tunbridge Wells must be aligned with that.

In terms of what the plan will look like, he said it would be a block plan setting

LONG-TERM ASPIRATIONS:

Council leader Bob Atwood says his plans for the civic complex could have an influence on people living in Tunbridge Wells for the next 100 years

out areas and sites for potential uses.

"It will be specific about how traffic flows can be improved, how street furniture might be changed such as lampposts so down to that detail. When it comes to specific individual sites it would be necessary to go into detailed design and we might come up with suggestions," he said.

"Some of the work David Jukes did on the cinema site for example, which is purely aspirational in order to give an idea. It is all part of what we are doing."

He said he was "very supportive" of Cllr Jukes' plans for the cinema site. He said: "It would be nice to see a theatre and maybe some civic rooms, a council chamber and meeting rooms. All this is aspirational and supported by the entire cabinet, but work is yet to be done on how practical and how feasible it is."

As for how the regeneration company fits into these plans, Cllr Atwood said the sites in its portfolio for Tunbridge Wells will be on hold until the Town Plan is created. But the company can potentially move forward with other sites in Southborough, Paddock Wood and Cranbrook. He said: "The plan is that they should be pressing ahead with the other sites. We're still in discussions with them at the moment, but the plan is we should go ahead but stay on hold in Tunbridge Wells."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Blades to slice through skies

By Chris Britcher

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ONE of the leading aerobatic display teams will be taking to the skies above the former home of Winston Churchill.

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UNIVERSITY

Clearing doesn't have to be an ordeal

By James Benjamin

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IT'S that time of year again as A Level results are published and the race begins to get a place at university. But even if you didn't get the grades you needed, keep calm, stay focused and it will pay off, say education chiefs.

The results were published on Thursday, with many teenagers facing clearing as they look to find a suitable place to pursue their degree.

UCAS, which manages university admissions, says nationwide there was a 1.3 per cent increase in applications this year – as many looked to nab a place before the hiked up university fees are introduced next year.

Mary Curnock Cook, UCAS chief executive, said: "History tells us that the majority of applicants whose places are dependent on their A Level results are likely to be successful."

"But, like last year, universities and colleges are managing admissions against a capped number of places so some applicants with near misses may need to think again."

"Our advice is to familiarise yourself with clearing. We expect that there will be plenty of vacancies in clearing this year but you do need to act quickly."

"Remember, choosing your course is a life-changing decision so do get advice from your teachers or family."

And key to securing a place is good preparation according to Bev Woodhams, head of re-

cruitment at the University of Greenwich at Medway.

She said: "The most important thing will be to stay focused. You won't have time to panic. It will be tough and you will need to be prepared and realistic about your options."

Top tips for clearing:

■ Be prepared, keep calm and stay focused.

■ If you just missed your grades or points, contact your first choice university, which may still accept your application. If not, immediately get in touch with your second choice.

■ If neither offers a place, think positive. You are now a clearing applicant and can apply to any UK university for a place on a course.

■ Early birds will catch the worm. Check out clearing places and the grades or points required on university websites and in newspapers before the exam results are announced. If your UCAS points are close but not spot-on, it still may be worth a call.

■ If you can, visit the university. Most will have open days on August 20-21 – but you can always just go and take a look.

■ If you have higher grades than expected take advantage of the five-day "adjustment period" enabling you to look at other courses and universities knowing that your first choice is there if you still want it.

■ Money makes a difference – make sure you find out about any available bursaries and scholarships. Every year a huge amount goes unclaimed.

■ Once you have been made an offer you must confirm your choice online using UCAS Track. Some universities give you 24 hours others up to a week – deadlines will be strict. It's also a good idea to personally let the university know you have accepted their offer.

■ If it did not work out, don't despair. Seek out as much information as you can from school, college, university and careers advisory services. Find out about employers looking to take on students for apprenticeships and training courses.

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CHARITY

Council chief joins race team

WILLIAM Benson, chief executive of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, will be joining a team taking part in the Dragon Boat Festival at Bewl Water next month.

He, and council colleagues, will join a team which also includes the Assembly Hall Theatre, Hospice in the Weald, Ashdown Park Hotel and So Tunbridge Wells for the annual boat extravaganza.

Called the Ashdown Parks Sleeping Beauties – to reflect the name of this year's Christmas panto at the theatre, the aim is to raise vital funds for Pembury-based Hospice in the Weald.

It needs to raise £5million each year to provide its vital palliative care.

Brian McAteer, theatre director for the Assembly Hall, said: "Working with Hospice in the Weald gives us the opportunity to raise money for a cause close to the hearts of both our customers and staff alike. It will also provide the opportunity to raise awareness of the wonderful, inspirational work being carried out by the hospice movement."

ENTERTAINMENT

Pantiles are in fashion

By Chris Britcher

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THE Pantiles is fast developing a reputation for its regular special events – and last weekend's fashion extravaganza proved no exception.

Crowds flocked to see the Pantiles Fashion Festival – coming hot on the heels of the runaway successes of the Food Festival and Vintage Fair – both of which saw thousands visit the historic parade and enjoy the occasion.

Organiser of the fashion event, Rachel Montague-Ebbs, of online fashion magazine LadyMPresents.co.uk, said: "The turnout was amazing. There was a great buzz and everyone seemed to enjoy the shows, workshops and the collections in the pop-up boutiques.

"It was a great weekend and maybe we'll do it all again next year. I'm really grateful to all who got involved, stallholders, sponsors and The Association of Pantiles Traders who made it such a success."

It was the latest event spearheaded by the new look Association of Pantiles Traders, with



a membership of predominantly independent stores in Tunbridge Wells' historic heart.

A spokeswoman for the association added: "These events have been put on to complement the already established music events held in and around the Pantiles every summer. These include the jazz night every Thursday, Unfest, which sees indie venue The Forum championing new music, and Local & Live, which spot-

lights local bands."

The next non-music event to hit the Pantiles, will be the Electric Lantern Festival – Tunbridge Wells' first arts festival.

Taking place on September 10 and 11, an art market will take place, exhibitions will feature in the Corn Exchange and there will be a host of art-related entertainment.

Anyone interested in taking a stall should email: markets@pantilestraders.co.uk.



IN STYLE: The Pantiles was awash with fashion shows and stalls throughout last weekend

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OBITUARY

TV star's warm tribute to 'Crafty Cook' Barry

By Jenna Pudelek

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TV STAR Jilly Goolden has paid a warm tribute to Michael Barry, her co-star on the BBC's Food & Drink show who died this month.

Dubbing himself 'the Crafty Cook', Mr Barry was also a hugely successful businessman – and was once managing director of local commercial radio station, Invicta FM, since renamed Heart.

He died, aged 69, at Kent & Canterbury Hospital after a short illness.

Ms Goolden, who lives in Tunbridge Wells, said: "All the years we worked together, it was as though Michael and I were in a mutual appreciation society."

"When we started working together in 1983, I was just beginning my career as a wine expert and Michael was an unswerving support. Although he never drank wine himself,



SADLY MISSED: Jilly Goolden with close friend Michael Barry

he just imagined it from my descriptions."

Mr Barry, whose real name was Michael Bukht, was a Muslim who chose to change

his name for his TV and book writing success.

Ms Goolden added: "He was a larger than life character, ebullient, warm-hearted and generous. I considered him a close friend and will miss him."

Apart from penning almost 30 recipe books, he worked as communications manager at Swale Primary Care Trust in the early 2000s, was a former president of Canterbury Music Club and was involved in his home city's new Marlowe Theatre project.

He also chaired the forerunner to local food champions Produced in Kent – Kentish Fare.

John Maxwell-Jones, a friend and colleague, and owner of Burgess Stores in Goudhurst, added: "Michael was very straightforward. He would listen to what you had to say, although he didn't always agree."

"He had a real way with him, which meant he could get around people. I was a shock to discover he had died."

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EXHIBITION

Wildlife artist wows the public at display

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Adele Kirby, who was born in Africa, sold 17 paintings and 360 cards from her collection, which was been inspired by a love of nature and the powerful effects of light.

Many of her paintings reflect happy memories of her life in the African bush.

Mrs Kirby, a member of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Arts Society, held her exhibition at the society's gallery in Sussex House, The Pantiles, in July.

The society's winter exhibition will take place from November 19 to 27.

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The medieval jousting continues at the castle on September 10-11 during the day. Thrilling twice-daily tournaments will take place over the weekend, with historical activities on offer for children of all ages including archery and medieval themed crafts in a marquee. An additional charge of £2 per child applies.

On September 3-4 visitors to the castle can travel back to the 1930s when Bentley and Rolls Royce cars will be on display on the Cedar Lawn, along with a wide selection of pre-war vehicles for enthusiasts to admire.

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SAILING

Sailor returns to training after world championships success

By Jenna Pudelek

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A SAILOR with dreams of Olympic glory is set to return to training at Bewl Water after success in the world championships in Denmark.

Zoe Beyerman, 14, from Flimwell, came ninth in the girls races and 17th overall in the under-18s category for Team Great Britain at the Aabenraa regatta.

After a well-deserved week off, the Tunbridge Wells schoolgirl will be back on the water this weekend at the reservoir near Lamberhurst.

Miss Beyerman, who now sails a RS Tera, got her first boat aged just seven.

Her mother, Anna Daniels, said: "She was invited to join the national squad and has been taken on by a professional coach. It is part of the Olympic development squad. She has been



SAIL AWAY: Zoe Beyerman is on good form

competing at club level as well as nationally and internationally."

Miss Beyerman also belongs to the Hayling Island sailing club, off the coast of Portsmouth and where many Olympic sailing stars train.

Ms Daniels said she would soon have to decide

whether to take her sailing to the next level and aim for the Games.

"It's exciting, she is up there with the right people and coaches," Ms Daniels said. "She is quite modest, but she is very good and doing well. The British are very good at sailing and we have some really excellent coaches."

As well as juggling school work, Miss Beyerman, who goes to Beechwood Sacred Heart, has also been battling some health problems. But the teenager is now back on the mend and due to take part in the national Inland and South championships. The races are amazing tests of endurance with the young people spending up to eight hours at a time out on the water.

Her mother described how she has loved being out on the water since she was just two, adding: "I have so much confidence in her that I don't worry about her ability. She is so well trained."

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NHS

Hundreds take up chance to tour new £230m hospital

By Jenna Pudelek

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MORE than 600 residents have taken up the offer of a sneak preview of the new Tunbridge Wells Hospital.

Four evenings of guided tours around the new £230 million private finance initiative (PFI) buildings and state-of-the-art facilities were held before it opens fully on September 21.

Terry Coode, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust's director of corporate affairs, said: "It quickly became clear that joining one of our tours was the hottest ticket in town.

"Our booking line was ringing non-stop with calls from people eager to book a place. We also received many email requests.

"The feedback from those who have attended has been entirely positive. They are very impressed by everything the new hospital has to offer.

"Many people were interested to know that Maidstone Hospital will become the area's major centre for planned surgery from September and that our investment there will continue.

"They also learned the new hospital will become an important centre for trauma and orthopaedics in west Kent."

The tours were led by staff who have either been involved in its design and build, or will be working there when it opens.

At 2am on September 21, the hospital's A&E department will open its doors to patients, signalling the hospital becoming fully operational. At the same time the Kent & Sussex will close its A&E department.

STATE-OF- THE-ART:

Visitors were given guided tours of new buildings and facilities.



FUND-RAISING



SPONSORSHIP: Burrswood Hospital staff are taking part in several events to raise money

Staff go all out in bid to raise cash for care scheme

STAFF at Burrowswood Christian Hospital are set to under take a host of challenges over the coming weeks in a bid to raise money.

Burrswood, which offers an holistic approach to healthcare to all faiths in Groombridge, will see teams compete in three upcoming events.

This Sunday the physiotherapy team will look to raise sponsorship by swimming between Brighton's two piers.

On September 17, the hospitality team will take part in Bewl's Dragon Boat Race, and on October 22, the counselling department will stage a sponsored walk around Dunorlan Park.

All money raised will go directly towards supporting the cost of care for those of limited financial means through its Access to Care Bursary scheme, which offers up to 60 per cent funding for those struggling to meet health care costs.

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OPINION

Riots not a distant problem

The violence and looting that swept the country and shocked the nation brought back memories of disorder in the county for Cllr Mike Haywood

TWENTY years ago, a part of Sittingbourne was experiencing its own 'rioting and looting'. It was witnessed with the same disbelief and anger from the local community that people have expressed in the last week across the country in places like Croydon, Birmingham and Manchester. And it lasted more than three years.

Like the events that unfolded on our television screens recently, the events in Kemsley in the early 1990s were not a symptom of young people being driven by poverty.

In the space of three years, Kemsley erupted and turned from a sleepy backwater into a place no one in their right mind wanted to live.

True, there were many decent people living in the village. But despite this, joyriding was rife and windows were broken on a regular basis. Graffiti on almost every street corner became the norm. Garages were

broken into then became disused. The bowls club was burned to the ground. People were afraid to call the police for fear of retaliation.

Swale Housing Association had to transfer a man who had taken a stand, and his family out of the area, after he was assaulted and his property attacked.

At the time, the troubles were put down to Kemsley being a "former council estate suffering from the excesses of 1960s and 1970s urban design". Yet there are many estates around the country like Kemsley that had not suffered antisocial behaviour.

In Kemsley there was a large concentration of teenagers and, unlike today, Kemsley was isolated. Milton Regis was a 20 minute walk. Sittingbourne was a bus or train ride away. Apart from the Village Stores there was nothing.

Few people – significantly, including the who didn't commit any crime – felt they had a

stake in the future of the area and petty criminality became the accepted norm.

By the end of 1994, Swale Housing Association, which had taken over council housing, threw in the towel. The caretaker scheme it had trialled failed to turn the tide, so it got planning permission to demolish garages that lined roads off Ypres Drive and build more socially rented housing, at a cost of £2.5 million.

Yet the troubles disappeared before a single brick was laid.

The truth is that within a year or so, the cohort of young people who had been the cause of the problems had simply grown up.

So what are the lessons of our own 'freak' crime wave?

Those responsible for public disorder and antisocial behaviour should be named and shamed and those who commit the worse excesses should get stiff sanctions and sentences.

But there is an onus on us to



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There is no excuse for crime, or for failing to tackle the causes of disorder

build the respect and sense of responsibility in our community.

We have a duty when we build communities to have something to offer them. We have to provide communities with facilities and services so we avoid a repeat of Swale's past in which young people, in particular, have nothing to do and nowhere to go.

There's no excuse for crime. Equally, there's no excuse for failing to tackle the causes of disorder and disharmony.

As one of five councillors on Swale Borough Council's 'emergency committee', I waited by my phone during the early part of last week for the call. I'm pleased it didn't come.

But I am under no illusions that the events on our TV screens were a far distant cry from which nothing can be learned.

■ Cllr Mike Haywood is shadow cabinet member for housing and sustainable communities on Swale Borough Council.

KOS COMMENT

Anxious weekend for uni-seeking students

AMONGST all the negative comments we have heard in recent weeks about the youth of this great nation, it is once again worth remembering that it is just a tiny minority that cause trouble. And while troublemakers will get their comeuppance, for many the main concerns are impending exam results. Or, in the case of A Levels, now trying to scramble to secure a place at a university through clearing. We wish them all well. They are the real future.

Rail fares are driving us all to distraction

EVEN if you are not someone who uses the train to commute, the impact of yet another steep rise on the price of season tickets will impact on you. Because, even in these days of spiralling fuel prices, when it becomes cheaper to drive than take the train, we are faced with the threat of even more pollution. West Kent is deep commuter territory. It is unfair for them to keep having to face enormous price hikes and not see a suitable boost in quality.

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Public are all interested

IT WAS most interesting to read Jenna Pudelek's article at the end of July and Val Bolsover's inspiration for redeveloping the cinema site in the centre of Tunbridge Wells.

With so much local interest perhaps this is an ideal opportunity for the council to promote an 'ideas competition'. Other local authorities have previously held these with support from their town planning departments.

Kenneth Keer, by email

Take time over the decisions

CLLR Attwood thinks "long and hard about where to go next". Good. Lord Thomson of Fleet's maxim was "think until it hurts".

Sir John Harvey-Jones tells of ICI building a chemical plant in India against Japanese competition. The British team were ahead at all the milestones. The Japanese team spent more time planning

at the start, until even their stupidest and most stubborn member agreed. The Japanese plant worked. The British wasted £100 million.

CLLR Attwood should not pay too much attention to gut reactions and superficial comments, but do what is right. The council may have been too conservative in the past.

All councils have the opinion of the Prime Minister that they could economise by sharing services, including chief executives, with neighbouring councils. Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge are a continuous urban area. There is often confusion because of the similarity of the names. Both are Conservative controlled. Not working together would be an example of silo thinking.

R Underhill, Matfield.

We'll pay for PFI hospital

IT IS of obvious concern that NHS Trusts have problems with regard to operating costs.

The Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust has saddled itself with a PFI lease agreement over the next 32 years

which does not include any inflation costs or any future expansion costs.

It is unwise for NHS trusts to enter into long-term contracts as these hospitals are not only known to be expensive to build, it may also prove expensive to change or terminate the contracts. Changes in demand and unforeseen events in the future may mean severe restrictions in resources.

For example, if a hospital has to undergo any alterations or extensions etc, a change of the contract could require the NHS to pay for terminating the existing contract and replacing it with a far more expensive lease agreement.

In the UK, 102 PFI contracts so far have cost £11.2billion to build, but it is costing the NHS £66billion to lease back the projects. It is interesting to note that whilst there is a cost of approximately £1.2million a year for cleaning the external envelope of our new hospital, Maidstone Hospital continues to suffer with a build-up of dirt and grime on the external walls.

Our new hospital has another problem. It only accommodates a few more beds than

the two existing facilities to accommodate a much larger maternity unit. Already there are suggestions that further beds are accommodated at the Tonbridge Cottage Hospital.

In recent years Maidstone Hospital has been able to vastly extend its facilities and double the size of its car parks to cope with the increase in demand. In comparison our new hospital has restricted floor plates, footprint, site layout and parking, which makes it almost impossible to expand.

If Kent County Council's prediction of a 16.7 per cent increase in Kent's population in the next 15 years becomes a reality, how do we expand relative healthcare facilities in west Kent?

A widely circulated healthcare paper I researched and published in 1994, discussed the advantages of having a healthcare prevention programme within our schools and the NHS. Today, there is still no propensity within government to introduce an education programme within our schools to teach young people about drug abuse, alcohol abuse, obesity and smoking which will radically

reduce the cost of treatments in the future.

**John Albiston
Tonbridge Wells**

See barbarism for yourself

W GEORGE Tyson is quite right in his letter to say: 'if abattoirs had glass walls many would stop eating animals.'

This proved all too true recently when locally based Tonbridge society Animal Aid got their undercover footage of slaughter house cruelty aired on Sky and taken up by many online media.

Animals being hit, punched, burnt with cigarettes on their faces. The men spitting, urinating and unfortunately much more besides.

Ten's of 1000's have now watched the video and been truly appalled at what they have seen and made their voices heard, many declaring they will go veggie. For those who have believed we are a nation of animal 'lovers' I suggest you go to Animalaid.org.uk and watch their latest undercover video footage.

Sara Starkey, Tonbridge

Services must not be axed

AS A long-standing Tunbridge Wells secondary school governor and former parliamentary candidate for Sevenoaks, I am completely opposed to any proposals to drastically cut rail services to Bat & Ball station and beyond.

This is a vital lifeline for schoolchildren who travel daily to Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells, as well as for car-less patients at Sevenoaks Hospital, and workers at Sainsbury's and other stores, offices and warehouses between Bat & Ball and Otford.

These proposals would not only have a devastating impact on an already dilapidated but well-used station at Bat & Ball, and considerably lengthen journey times and the school day both for parents and pupils, but also effectively destroy the main public transport link between Sevenoaks and Swanley, the two biggest population centres in Sevenoaks District Council and the parliamentary constituency.

The Thameslink service to Sevenoaks is also a vital alternative for travellers from beyond if unplanned incidents occur in the London Bridge area, which is sadly not infrequent these days in my daily commute to Cannon Street. It also has potential to attract passengers away from the reduced number of London Bridge services.

I urgently call on the relevant authorities to think again on this highly retrograde and potentially damaging policy, before it is too late.

Alan Bullion, Tunbridge Wells

Thanks go to Roy Bullock

I WAS pleased to read that £2m has been made available for bus services to the new hospital at Pembury. In making the money available the trust is simply honouring a condition of its planning agreement.

It was [former Tunbridge Wells Borough Council leader] Roy Bullock who persuaded his bus-averse Conservative councillors to support the requirement for bus services to be provided. Greg Clark took the plaudits for the hospital but it was Roy who made it possible.

Maurice Knight, Tunbridge Wells

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Where there's a will there can be problems

Q If a mother dies and her daughter is left nothing in the mother's will, can the daughter contest it? Or, if the daughter is left just a small amount, has she got the right to contest the will to secure a larger bequest? If the mother has written her own will, properly witnessed but without the involvement of solicitors, does this make any difference?

A Homemade wills are always risky. It is easy to make a mistake without realising it. For example, how many people are aware that making someone a beneficiary as well as a witness to your will just doesn't work? Your will would still be valid, but the witness is not allowed to receive a bequest. Your mother's will (I assume we are talking about you and your mother) may be absolutely fine, but if she prepared it herself, there is a greater chance of an error creeping in. However, if the will is valid but you are left out, or are left very little, what can you do? Well, you could argue that your mother was suffering from some condition that meant she was not capable of making a will. Or you could claim that she was unduly influenced by someone who bullied or deceived her into writing her will in a particular way. You could say that you had an agreement with your mother over her will. For example, if you have given up your job so you can look after her and nurse her, on the understanding that you will inherit the family home, then a court might well set aside a will that leaves the property to someone else and award it to you instead. If none of this works, there is always a law called the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975. Each case is dealt with on its merits, but in a nutshell, if you believe you have been treated unfairly, you can lodge a claim. Claims can come, for example, from ex-wives and ex-husbands, former civil partners, children – including grown-up children – and anyone else who was dependant on the deceased. But if you think there are legal snags in writing your own will, please accept that there are 10 times as many potholes in trying to contest one! Do see a solicitor.

Q I am sending you a letter I have received, supposedly from a bank manager in Hong Kong. It amazes me that people like this go to such lengths!

A The letter you received comes from Mr Ling Huan, who claims to work for the Wing Lung Bank in Hong Kong. Well, the bank exists, but it seems Ling Huan does not – which is fortunate for him as China often executes fraudsters. According to his letter, a bank customer who shares your surname has died, leaving £6m unclaimed. If you pose as a relative to unlock the

TONY HETHERINGTON
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account, you are promised half the loot. "In the banking circle, this happens every time," Ling Huan assures you! But I happen to know that his letters are posted in Romford and he has sent identical offers to people with various surnames. Are we supposed to believe that lots of the bank's customers die, leaving unclaimed fortunes? If you did reply to the phone number or email address in the letter, you would be spun a yarn about cash being needed for taxes or legal fees – and since Ling Huan is just a poor Chinese bank manager, you would be expected to fork out. And, of course, you would never see your money again.

Q Reports say our banks are in trouble to the extent of £214bn if countries in Europe collapse financially. So where is best to save for safety? Are building societies immune? Have banks now ringfenced savers' money? Are fixed-rate bonds best?

A If by fixed-rate bonds you mean bonds issued by companies, rather than banks or the government, they are riskier. There is no compensation scheme if a company goes broke. It would take legislation to force banks to ringfence savers' money, so the answer to your question is no. And remember, if banks cannot use depositors' money, then they cannot pay interest either. Building societies are probably the safest of your options because they are less exposed to foreign risks. But frankly, if the euro collapses, it's a whole new ball game with unforeseen knock-on effects.

Q My son and his wife have a shared-ownership flat. They own 25pc and rent the rest from a housing association. He has asked me to lend them enough to buy a further 5pc. This will reduce their rent, and he says they can pay back the loan from the money they save, but would I have to pay tax?

A There would only be tax to pay if your son pays you interest on the loan. If he repays you nothing more than the amount you lent him then the taxman gets nothing.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. Neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.



REGENERATION: Properties near Premier League grounds have risen in price by more than the national average. Homes near Manchester City's Etihad stadium have more than trebled in price over the past 10 years.

House prices top of the Premier League

By Adam Aiken
MyMoney 24 editor

SECURING a place in football's Premier League is worth tens of millions of pounds a year – but it's not just the clubs that are benefiting from the riches of competing in the top flight.

Homeowners who live near Premier League grounds are also quids in, with the average house price in the vicinity of the top clubs rising by far more than the national average.

House prices across England and Wales have gone up 11.3pc over the past decade, according to the statisticians at Halifax. Yet prices in the 20 postal districts where Premier League teams are based have risen nearly 170pc – or by more than £220,000 – during the same period.

These properties were worth an average of £132,000 in mid-2001 but are today worth more than £350,000.

Moneybags Manchester City lead the way – house prices within the postal district of the Etihad stadium have more than trebled over the past 10 years. The regeneration that usually accompanies new stadia is likely to be responsible for many of the significant price rises.

Five of the six Premier League postal districts with the biggest house price increases are home to stadia built within the past 15 years.

As well as Manchester City, these clubs are Bolton Wanderers, Stoke City, Sunderland and Swansea City.

"In general, house prices in the areas that are home to many of our major football venues have strengthened significantly over the past decade, reflecting in part the amenities commonly found in such locations, including good transport links," said Halifax economist Suren Thiru.

"The improvement has been partic-

ularly marked in the postal districts of some of the newest football stadiums with the local regeneration often associated with such projects helping to boost local property values."

In contrast, four of the five Premier League postal districts with the smallest house price growth are near grounds that opened before the end of World War One – Manchester United, Newcastle United, Queens Park Rangers and West Bromwich Albion.

But there are a couple of exceptions to the rule. Villa Park – the home of Aston Villa – first opened its gates in 1897, but nearby property has seen the second highest rise in prices over the past decade.

At the other end of the scale, Arsenal's Emirates stadium is the newest in the Premier League, yet local property prices are up just 102pc over the past decade – the third smallest increase.

EDF to pay back £200,000 after bill error

THE domestic power industry suffered another public relations problem this week when one of the Big Six suppliers said it would reimburse customers a total of nearly £200,000.

EDF Energy said it had found a fault with its automated telephone meter-reading system, resulting in some customers being overcharged between 2003 and 2010. Although

EDF claimed that "in the vast majority of cases, the impact on customers has been minimal" – and some customers had inadvertently found themselves better off – it comes at a time when the industry is already under fire from consumer groups for putting up its gas and electricity prices.

Following the news of the meter-reading error, EDF said: "Naturally,

we will not be looking to recover any money from those customers who have been under-billed, and of course have plans in place to fully reimburse those that have been overcharged.

"This figure totals just under £200,000 to be reimbursed across a total of 100,000 customers."

All affected customers have been notified.

INSIDE THIS WEEK

THIS week we feature some disappointing news from one of the county's most established and prestigious businesses which was at one time a market leader.

The state of the economy is the reason given for its decision to cut the workforce, but Silver Spring is still positive about its long-term future.

We also highlight some happier stories – such as how a business vision honed to success in the Kent countryside has led to a link-up with legendary Hollywood director Martin Scorsese; the creation of a new dance venture in Ashford after successful voluntary work; and high-profile recognition for a Dover cross-Channel ferry-operator.

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Silver Spring axe to fall on up to 40 jobs as slump takes toll

By Nick Ames

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UP to 40 jobs are to go at the Silver Spring soft-drinks plant in Folkestone as the company cuts back due to the poor economic climate.

A decrease in demand for the drinks is blamed for the losses, which will hit the workforce of just over 130. The exact number of redundancies has not been finalised, but a figure between 35 and 40 is likely.

Negotiations between management and workers continue, with factors such as flexible hours and seasonal demand being taken into account. The company has battled back from being in administration and new lending agreements are in place. However, bosses say consumer lack of confidence has meant a drop in demand.

"In the current climate, people will more likely choose to drink tapwater than bottled," said chief executive Gary West.

"We do not know the absolute number of job losses, but I anticipate it to be between 35 and 40. This is a huge disappointment for us as we have turned the company around and have returned a profit after being in administration."

"We have secured funding from a lender, and an agreement on a 50-year lease for supplies from the water at Terlington Spring in Folkestone has also been reached.

"With an option for a further 50 years, this means our supplies are guaranteed for a century, which is obviously good news for our long-term strategy as our principal source of raw material is protected."

The workforce was told of the job losses on Thursday night during a bi-yearly meeting.

Mr West said: "These were difficult messages to have to put across as we have turned the corner with regard to finances."

"However, the current market saw a significant slowdown in June and July and up to this date in August."

"This, I think, is going to get worse due to the current state of the UK economy and so to weather the storm our business plan includes streamlining certain products and outsourcing some functions – the reason for the job losses."

"Another factor we have to take into consideration is that demand for our products is very seasonal, with summer demand in excess of the levels for winter."



GRIM NEWS:

Silver Spring had rallied after coming out of administration but another downturn means that 35-40 jobs are to be chopped

The Silver Spring Mineral Water Company was established in 1888 at Grace Hill, Folkestone, moving to premises in nearby Foord Road two years later.

A series of mergers and acquisitions throughout the 20th century increased its market share, with brands such as Rola Cola and Bingo Pops – carbonated soft drinks in a plastic container drunk through a straw – proving popular.

By the turn of the century, Silver Spring Soft Drinks was the largest privately-owned independent soft-drinks-maker in the UK.

It was in family hands until September 2009, when its business and assets were acquired by Privet Capital and the transition made from Silver Spring Mineral Water Company to Silver Spring Soft Drinks Limited.

TRAVEL

The wheels on the bus take us away

EUROLINES has unveiled a new coach service linking Kent towns with Dunkerque, Ghent and Brussels.

The new service means that more than 100 European destinations are now available from Kent by coach, including Paris, Amsterdam and Bruges.

The Eurolines service picks up from locations including Canterbury bus station, Dover Eastern Docks and Hempstead Valley shopping centre before crossing the Channel.

John Gilbert, managing director, said: "We've designed this route to boost tourism in Kent through affordable, convenient links to some of Europe's best towns and cities. From Kent you can now reach more than 100 European destinations with Eurolines and we'll continue to strengthen our network over the coming months."

Sandra Matthews-Marsh, chief executive at Visit Kent, said: "Eurolines is providing highly-accessible transport routes for more people to visit and explore the many cultural differences and similarities to be enjoyed."



LEARN A TRADE: The apprenticeship fair is set to open doors for all involved

JOB

Set fair for employers and young prospects

AN Apprenticeship and Employment Fair is being held in Dover on Thursday, September 8, and employers in Dover, Deal and Folkestone are invited along.

The event is aimed at giving up to 1,000 young people the opportunity to find out about apprenticeships and employment opportunities.

Any company which has apprenticeship or other job vacancies suitable for 16- to 24-year-olds will be welcome.

The event will incorporate 'hands-on' exhibitions and interactive displays to encourage young people to apply for apprenticeships or other employment opportunities on the day.

Anyone with no apprenticeships but who would like to find out more about the benefits to their business is welcome to attend between 12.30pm and 1.30pm, when they can meet all the key delivery partners, including K College and Kent Apprenticeships.

Those interested can contact Kerry-Ann Miller at Dover Jobcentre Plus on 01304 866140 or email kerry-ann.miller@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk

SPORT

Lydd airport eyes Olympic flights

WITH more than half a million sports fans expected to arrive in the UK for next year's Olympic Games, the Government has earmarked Lydd airport as one of the regional airports capable of handling flights carrying visitors.

A review of airports with suitable facilities within a 75-mile radius of the Olympic Park at Stratford has led to several airports being deemed as suitable to handle Olympics flights.

Lydd has been rated as capable of handling up to 238 general and business aviation flights during the peak period of the Olympic Games, from July 21 to August 15.

Philip Hammond, Secretary of State for Transport, said that as part of the strategy to ensure successful delivery of efficient transport for the Games, he was introducing measures to limit delays to flights by using airports in the South East during time of peak demand.

New rules will ensure that air-space capacity across Kent will be able to safely accommodate the maximum possible number of extra flights.

Business Week

Ferry-operator's reward for cross-Channel efforts

RECOGNITION

THE DFDS Seaways UK passenger routes have been awarded with a prestigious industry accolade, beating fierce competition from other major ferry-operators.

Following an extensive consumer survey carried out in January 2011, the consumer body Which? has named DFDS Seaways as its only Recommended Provider for ferry travel.

In results, published in the July issue of Which? Travel magazine, DFDS Seaways scored above average in all aspects of the research, especially for ease of booking and value for money, and achieved an overall customer score of 72 per cent.

Chris Newey, director of passenger services for the DFDS Seaways English Channel route, said: "This is a fantastic endorsement from the UK's leading independent consumer body. We strive to deliver excellent customer service and value for money across all of our UK routes and are delighted this has been recognised.

"As part of our determination to continually improve, we encourage all of our customers to fill in customer-feedback forms, which we review on a regular basis



ACCOLADE: Chris Newey, of DFDS Seaways, says the operator bids to deliver excellent customer service

and implement changes where necessary, so that our services will always be first-rate."

Recommended Provider status is awarded to those services that have performed to the highest standards in Which?'s rigorous testing and analysis.

The survey approached almost 6,500 consumers across the UK and it was the 33 per cent of consumers who had travelled by ferry within the last two years who were called on to answer questions about the ferry companies.

Lights, camera, action

A series of happy coincidences led Stanley Wilson's lighting business, which is based in rural Blean, to land a job working on director Martin Scorsese's latest film, The Invention Of Hugo Cabret. By **Nick Ames**.

A UNIQUE business run from the depths of the Kent countryside has caught the eye of one of the world's top film directors, propelling what began as a hobby for Stanley Wilson on to the set of a likely Hollywood blockbuster.

A fascination with different forms of industrial lighting led to Wilson, 35, starting to acquire and trade them to other interested parties – including designers kitting out top stores and restaurants in retro-factory chic.

Demand became so great that he quit his job and formed a company called Urban Cottage Industries with partner Sophie Gollop, 28.

And a series of fortunate coincidences led to the newly-formed business working on Martin Scorsese's latest venture.

The acclaimed director of Goodfellas, Mean Streets, Taxi Driver and Raging Bull is branching out at present into a new style of cinema.

The Invention Of Hugo Cabret is set to be released this Christmas and is Scorsese's debut children's film – and his first in 3D.

It stars Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Christopher Lee, with Ali G and Borat comic Sacha Baron Cohen also taking a leading role.

The movie tells the story of a boy who lives hidden away in a 1930s Paris railway station and his adventures concerning his late father – and an early form of robot.

Wilson said: "It's a period film, although I can't say much more than that. But it seems the older lighting equipment helps to re-create the right look.

"It was a succession of coincidences which led to me becoming involved. Firstly, Scorsese's prop master was sitting in a restaurant we had helped to fit out – Caravan in Clerkenwell.

"He noticed the lights we had put in and asked about them – luckily the owner of the restaurant was in and he knew about us.

"The following day, his partner was going on the train to Edinburgh and she stocked up on magazines. One had a story on us. She rang him and told him, then the movie people got in touch.

"When I arrived at the station near the studios, there waiting for me was Martin Scorsese's own car and driver.

"That was when I thought that my business was going to be OK – I was



IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Stanley Wilson, of Urban Cottage Industries, which is providing lighting for famed director Martin Scorsese's first children's film – and his first in 3D

rubbing shoulders with the right sort of people."

But Wilson is keen to point out that it wasn't always chauffeur-driven limos in the months after he set up.

"The first year or so of the business I was always concerned," he said. "Now the contracts are coming in and everything is fine, but it was a risk to start out originally.

"I worked on lighting with bands such as Queens Of The Stone Age and in architectural lighting. But I wanted to do something more creative.

"Where I come from, in Yorkshire, there are a lot of old factory sites left to decay and the lighting is still in many of them. I managed to get hold of some different designs and put them on eBay.

"Others would see them and want to them as well and it just grew, to a point where demand was such that I couldn't cater for it while working a normal job.

"So, together with Sophie, I took the plunge. My first real break was when I was asked to equip the Levi's store in central London.

"The designers wanted an old factory-style look, so that is what I did. The real lighting for the buildings doesn't come from our fitting – those are hidden away. Although ours do produce light, they are all about the ambience of the place."

The company was originally based in Hackney, but the birth of a child and

a need for more space meant a move to the countryside. Family connection provided a place in Blean, with space for a workshop to construct designs based on vintage lighting and shades, while the couple now live in Whitstable.

As well as restaurants and bars, further contracts came the way of the business – including the Second World War tunnels under Dover Castle, which have recently received a £2 million upgrade.

"I also worked on Danny Boyle's Frankenstein at the National Theatre with [Sherlock TV actor] Benedict Cumberbatch," said Wilson.

The couple are pleased with how the move to Kent has worked out.

"We thought it may spell the end of the business," said Wilson. "We wanted to bring up our child in the countryside, but the business we are involved in is London-centric.

"We used to get lots of people just dropping in and some business did come from those visits. We knew when we moved that would stop and it has.

"But what it has given us is far more time and we have far greater space. We are out of the loop in some ways, but we have filtered out a lot of wasted time on meetings and visits so we can spend more time on worthwhile projects.

"Much of our work is online and we have kept an 0207 number through Skype. So we look like a London company – but work in a rural paradise."

Time gentleman please as pub closes for £375,000 refit

LEYBOURNE pub The Old Rectory has called last orders before having a £375,000 transformation that will create 15 jobs.

The pub on Oxley Lane – which reopens on Tuesday, August 30 – is being transformed into a Fayre & Square establishment and will launch on Saturday, September 10.

To mark the opening, the company is seeking a local family who deserve a treat to officially open the pub.

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There will also be a free family fun day from noon to 4pm for everyone to come along and be entertained by jugglers and face-painters.

Stewart Rayner, general manager of The Old Rectory, said: "I'm sure there are so many families within the community who are an inspiration to others through their voluntary work or

who have overcome hurdles but don't get any recognition. So I would like to use our opening as an opportunity to say thank you by treating a family to VIP treatment, including a meal on us.

"I am also on the look-out for dynamic, hard-working individuals who want to be part of our Fayre & Square family at The Old Rectory."

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Dancing with success

By Nick Ames

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VOLUNTARY sessions at a Wye school being held by former professional dancer Marie Stacey have led to the setting up of a new dance studio in nearby Ashford.

Ms Stacey has appeared in cabaret shows in Spain and France but had retired when the request to help out at the school, which was attended by her niece, came.

Demand soon outstripped the available space and she began running classes at village and church halls.

The growing popularity of the classes convinced Ms Stacey to establish a new company, which she called Fit To Dance, and to invest in a warehouse in Henwood business park, Ashford.

She converted the building space into a dance venue with four studios, three of which have sprung floors, a large reception and offices.

The business successfully weathered the worst of the economic downturn by diversifying and is now thriving



DANCE PARTNERS: Ria Barlabas, right, of Barclays, with Fit To Dance-owner Marie Stacey during her visit to the Ashford studio

She said: "When I got involved in dance classes at my daughter's school I never imagined I would be here with 15 employees and a purpose-built facility.

"The company faced some challenges during the recession, with people feeling less well off and cutting the number of

classes they took. Some even cancelled completely, but by broadening the number of options we have for customers and offering some of the studios for hire, we have been able to continue to thrive and I'm really confident about the future."

The company has 600 students, ranging from 18 months

to 80 years old, and offers traditional dancing including tap, ballet, hip-hop, Irish and ballroom. Less conventional classes include zumba, belly-dancing and pole fitness, and the company has also expanded into gymnastics and singing classes.

Ria Barlabas, Barclays head of business banking, recently spent the day working alongside the company as part of a Back To Business initiative which will see all of the company's 1,700 business managers spending a day working with a business customer.

She said: "It was a great experience to get away from my office and spend the day with Marie at Fit To Dance. She has an excellent, diverse business and ambitious plans and I wish her every success.

"Learning more about our customers enables us to provide the right levels of support and advice when required.

"Every member of my team is committed to supporting the local economy and to helping customers survive, prosper and grow."

Can you support Olympic hopes?

BUSINESSES across the county town are being urged to back local athletes with the Olympics just one year away

With more than 30 athletes now in the spotlight on the Maidstone's Dream website, businesses are being urged to put their sponsorship in place to help bring home a medal.

Maidstone is the penultimate town to welcome the Olympic Torch Relay before it reaches London.

The website was set up in 2009 to help create a lasting legacy for the 2012 Olympics.

Thirteen athletes have already been offered financial support from businesses and all athletes have been offered support in the way of free gym memberships.

One athlete who is tipped for huge success is decathlete Martin Brockman. Last year he brought home a bronze medal from the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi.

The latest addition to the website is 21-year-old kayaker Aaron Jordan. The full-time unpaid athlete has been in



POTENTIAL: Decathlete Martin Brockman, won bronze at the Commonwealth Games

the sport for 14 years and just needs £500 to help pay for a Garmin and new paddles.

Leanne Brown, 22, who is also a kayaker, has also been added to the website.

She said: "I would be willing to help advertise and promote a business who sponsors me in different ways, such as on my boat or paddles, and be extremely grateful of their help."

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Apprenticeship scheme takes off

THE first new apprentices have been taken on under an employers' incentive scheme by Thanet College's Training Solutions division.

The initiative provides grants of up to £2,500 to any business taking on a new apprentice who has been receiving benefits.

Age Concern Deal is one of the first organisations to sign up to the programme, having taken on Kerrie Stewart as a new health and social care apprentice.

Chief executive Debbie Wonford said: "Age Concern Deal believes in giving younger people opportunities to gain work experience and a recognised qualification.

"Training Solutions has really helped us take advantage of this extra fund to care for our service-users and provide new jobs for enthusiastic young people."

Training Solutions' Penelope Kimber added: "Apprentices provide a real boost to a business by bringing in an energetic, enthusiastic young person in a cost-effective way."

Call 01843 821580 for more information.

EU funding to aid new businesses

THE Kent Foundation for Young Entrepreneurs has won a grant worth up to 44,000 euros from the European Union's Interreg fund.

The cash will help explore the creation of a new support network to help young businessmen and women in the county aged 15-18.

Charity director Paul Barron said: "This funding is essential for the development of another Kent Foundation service.

"With our partners in Nor Pas de Calais, the intention is to research how we might create an appropriate support network that, ultimately, might extend across the Channel.

"All our existing services are based on research and this is another fantastic opportunity to support Kent's youth.

"All too often young people are disillusioned by the lack of career options – get a job, go to university or join the growing number of unemployed – and we are determined to give Kent's young people a fourth option of becoming an entrepreneur."

Visit www.kentfoundation.org for more.

Bright sparks given flying start in energy

By Steve Knight

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ENERGY provider UK Power Networks is investing in its future by funding the training of more than 50 young workers.

The firm is currently training 36 apprentices from a site in Sundridge, Sevenoaks, and also has 11 recruits enrolled as trainee engineers on its engineering development programme, and nine on its graduate development programme.

Seventeen members of staff recently completed a foundation degree in power distribution from London South Bank University, including Rochester resident Neil Barton.

Neil passed his degree with distinction after completing about 20 exams in power distribution, maths, electrical engineering and physics, and will start a bachelor degree in electrical and electronic engineering later this year.

He said: "To be given the time to focus on university studies was brilliant, and without that support it would have been very difficult to gain this qualification. It is a relief to have a good degree behind me and it's an important step in my career.

"Being an engineer is such an intellectually demanding career and the complexities of the electricity networks keep me interested.

"I like the diversity of my role – jointing underground cables, high voltage substation installation, and live line work.

"There is also scope to move around the business and work in new areas."

Neil joined UK Power Networks in 2002 and initially worked in the Maidstone call centre before becoming a trainee designer and later a trainee engineer. Now based in Canterbury, he is responsible for carrying out power upgrades and new or altered electricity connections across Kent.

UK Power Networks chief executive Basil Scarsella said: "These graduates will play a pivotal role in the renewal and expansion of our power networks, which distribute electricity to homes and businesses across a quarter of Great Britain.

"They can look forward to an exciting future in this industry. "Delivering the reliable power supplies our customers need depends on skilled staff with a highly professional approach.

"We have put a lot of effort into recruiting and developing the next generation of engineers. Often working behind the scenes, their job is vital – keeping electricity supplies flowing to millions of people."

Meanwhile, students from Dartford Grammar School for Girls took part in an npower Enthuse day of activities held at Littlebrook Power Station near the Dartford Crossing.

The programme is designed to inspire and engage pupils aged 12-14 in science, technology, engineering and maths, and to help them think about the impact they have on our daily lives.

Power station manager Nigel Staves said: "It's our opportunity to give young people an insight into the energy industry. I hope we have inspired some of them to consider this as a career option for the future."



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New bursary scheme for students struggling to get by in tough times

BROMLEY College of Further and Higher Education has announced a range of bursaries to help students with financial problems.

Funding of £1,200 per year will be guaranteed for students aged 16-18 on August 31 who are also in care, leaving care or receiving benefits.

All other students can also apply if their parents are on certain benefits.

Principal Sam Parrett said: "In times of hardship when

jobs are more difficult to come by and families' budgets are tighter, it is really important the lifeline offered by training and education should be kept open to school leavers.

"We are having to make a lot of difficult decisions about spending at the moment, but the whole senior management team was in no doubt that we should make some money available to help finance students."

The cash provided by the

college will cover about 80 per cent of essential course costs including materials, textbooks, examination fees, CRB checks, course-related trips and registration fees.

The college – which officially incorporated Orpington College earlier this month – also offers a hardship fund whereby all full-time students aged 16-18 can buy a £10 Oyster photo card and travel free throughout the capital at any time.

Why it's never too late to swap careers

A MASTERS graduate who quit the RAF to study as a pharmacist has reassured others who feel it is too late to change careers.

Jenny Hawley, 28, from Walderslade Woods, near Chatham, joined the air force at 19 but decided to leave four years later despite having finished school without any A-levels.

She said: "I knew you couldn't practice as a pharmacist in this country without the full masters degree but I couldn't bear the thought of spending an additional two years studying A-levels. Then I realised they can be done in a year at MidKent College.

"The intensive A-levels route was definitely not the easy option. It was sheer determination that got me through it I think.

"It was a real shock to the system, especially as I'd left school at 16, and I think I must have driven my tutors insane but they were all really supportive.

"It was hard work but the intensity of the learning stood me in good stead for my degree. The masters was by no means a doddle."

After scoring two As and a B in chemistry, biology and environmental science at MidKent College's Maidstone campus, Jenny went on to study for her masters at the Medway School of Pharmacy – a joint collaboration between the universities of Greenwich and Kent at Medway.

She left with a first class degree and also received the Biological Science Award for her final-year dissertation, written following four months' research at the University of Lille in



INSPIRED: Jenny Hawley is an example to all

France into inflammatory bowel conditions.

Jenny said: "I think it's important people realise they can change their careers if they want to. Yes, it will be difficult but it will be worth it in the end.

"I feel lucky that MidKent College offered me a first step on an alternative route, and that I could complete the masters degree so close to home. The people of Medway have access to a brilliant college and some great universities on their doorstep, and they should make the most of the opportunities that can bring."

Award-winning museum to offer training in building conservation

THE Weald and Downland Open Air Museum is running a series of training courses in specialist building conservation techniques.

Experts in brickwork, ironwork and timber construction will deliver the one-day sessions, with a number of places reserved for people who live in the Weald Forest Ridge area stretching from Tonbridge to Horsham in West Sussex.

The first course takes place on September 5 at a cost of

£40 per person, and is entitled 'An introduction to timber-framed buildings and their conservation'.

Led by former museum director Richard Harris and carpenter Roger Champion, the session will also include a tour of the repairs of the museum exhibit buildings.

The other courses include 'Repairs to historic brickwork' on September 6-7, 'Conservation of ironwork' on September 28, and 'Practical scarf

repairs' on September 29-30. All two-day sessions cost £80 per person.

Based in Singleton, West Sussex, the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum runs a well-established programme of day schools and longer courses in historic building conservation.

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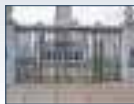
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Closing date for applications: 8th September 2011

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A full UK driver's licence is desirable as you may be required to perform first on site duties.

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Closing date for all posts: 9am 30 August 2011. Assessment date for all posts: 6/9 September 2011.

To apply please visit www.circle.org.uk/corporate/careers and complete an application form.

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Employment will start after a one-week paid in-service training course. There will be a six-month probationary period.

8.25am - 3.20pm with 1 hr unpaid breaks, term time only plus 1 staff training day and 25 days paid holiday a year, or as relevant to years of service in a similar post.

Recruitment packs are available from the school or online.

Please note, we cannot accept CVs without an application form.

Closing date: Wednesday 31 August 2011

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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

PROW - DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS AND BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE AND MALLING

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR430 / MT46

IN THE PARISHES OF LEIGH & HILDENBOROUGH

Public Footpath SR430 / MT46

(Prohibition Of Traffic) Temporary Order 2011

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath SR430 / MT46, between the junction of SR430 and SR431 (NGR TQ 551 466) and the junction of MT46 and MT47 (NGR TQ 566 472) from the 8th September 2011.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 24th September 2011.

The path will be closed because works are planned on the footbridge over the A21 (Tonbridge Bypass) and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact Mrs Nicky Biddall

VILLAGE GREENS - BOROUGH OF SWALE

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF LAND AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN

Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Kent County Council, by the Minster Parish Council under section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The application seeks the inclusion in the Register of Town and Village Greens of the land described in the Schedule below which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a Town or Village Green by virtue of the use of the land for the purposes of lawful sports and pastimes 'as of right' and without challenge by the landowner for a period of over 20 years.

If the Registration Authority is satisfied that the land described below qualifies for registration as a Town or Village Green, it will so register the land.

The application, which includes a plan of the land proposed for registration, may be inspected at the offices of Kent County Council at the address below. Please contact the Commons Registration Team on 01622 221628 to make an appointment prior to visiting to ensure that a member of the team is available to assist you.

Any person wishing to make representations regarding the application should send a written statement of the facts upon which the representation is based to Miss. Melanie McNeir at Kent County Council, either by post at the address below or by email to commons.villagegreens@kent.gov.uk, so as to arrive no later than Monday 3rd October 2011. Please quote reference VGA632. Representations must include the name and postal address of the person making them and the nature of their interest

(if any) in the land affected by the application. They must also be signed by the person making them and state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that any representations that are to be taken into account by the Registration Authority in reaching a decision on the application cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain during the processing of the application. Copies of any objections or representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment and may be disclosed to other interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

Description of the land claimed to have qualified for registration as a Town or Village Green

An area of land of approximately 1.2 acres (0.4 hectares) in size, known locally as Scrapsgate Open Space, situated to the west of Scrapsgate Road and occupying an area between the sewage pumping station, the Minster Marshes and Ridney Hill Farm in the town of Minster-on-Sea on the Isle of Sheppey.

VILLAGE GREENS - IN THE DISTRICT OF THANET

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY

COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)

APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND KNOWN AS BROADSTAIRS CRICKET GROUND (AND SURROUNDING WOODLAND) AT PARK AVENUE IN BROADSTAIRS AS A NEW VILLAGE GREEN

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector has been appointed by the Kent County Council to hold a non-statutory Public Inquiry into the above application and will attend at:

The Broadstairs Campus of Canterbury Christ Church University, Northwood Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 2WA

On Monday 12th September 2011 at 10.00am

To hold a public local inquiry into the application

A copy of the Inspector's directions setting out the procedure to be followed for the submission of evidence and the format that the Public Inquiry will take is available on the County Council's website at: www.kent.gov.uk/villagegreens.

Any person wishing to attend the Public Inquiry to give evidence who is not already being called as a witness by one of the parties, must notify the County Council of his intention to do so, and provide a signed and dated written statement setting out the substance of his evidence no later than 4pm on Friday 2nd September 2011.

For further enquiries, please contact Miss Melanie McNeir on 01622 221628.

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX

Date: 21st August 2011

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

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PLANNING

Public Notice

21 August 2011



Canterbury City Council Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, Sections 69 and 70 Variation of the Broomfield; Canterbury; Eddington; Ickham, Wickhambreaux and Seaton; and Reculver Conservation Areas

NOTICE IS GIVEN under the provisions of the 1990 Act that Canterbury City Council has determined that the areas described in the Schedule to this Notice are areas of special architectural or historic interest, and that it is desirable to preserve or enhance their character or appearance. It has accordingly amended the Broomfield, Canterbury, Eddington, Ickham Wickhambreaux and Seaton, and Reculver conservation areas so as to include or delete the areas defined in the Schedule below. These variations were made in the context of preparing and adopting a conservation area appraisal and management plan for each area.

Schedule

The following properties and land are to be included in the extensions to the following conservation areas:

Broomfield: The following properties have been included in the Broomfield conservation area: numbers 157 to 176 Margate Road; and area of farmland approximately 70 metres wide to the north and east of Goldfinch Farm.

The following properties have been removed from the Broomfield conservation area: number 92 Margate Road and all of the houses forming Bramley Gardens and Spicers Field.

Canterbury: The following properties have been removed from the Canterbury city conservation area: 255 Wincheap (Dunelm Mill and Carpet Right and associated car parks); and 1 to 12 (consecutively) Woodville Close. The following properties have been removed from the Canterbury (Nunnery Fields) conservation area: 2, 2a, 4, 6 and 8 Cromwell Road, 1b South Canterbury Road.

Eddington: The following properties have been removed from the Eddington conservation area: numbers 2 and 4 Pigeon Lane, 1 to 13 (consecutively); The Links and 1 to 36 (consecutively); Ryder Close; and the car park and pond at the Herne Bay Golf Club. The revised southern boundary of the conservation area follows the northern side of the A299 Thanet Way.

Ickham, Wickhambreaux and Seaton: The following properties have been included in the Ickham, Wickhambreaux and Seaton conservation area: 4, 5, 6, 7 (Foxhollow) 8 and the Old School House on School Lane; 1 to 12 (consecutively) Treasury View; the meadow to the north of Treasury View (some 263 x 432 metres in area); the meadow between the eastern side of the Street in Ickham and the hamlet of Seaton; Altona, Morville, Crab Apples, Wychwood, Pippins, Brambletye, Sunnyside, Field View and Nether Quaives on Grove Road, Wickhambreaux; Birchways, Flagstones, Hallowses and Cross Dykes on the Street, Wickhambreaux; and Firstone, Southern Down, Twynings, Fair Lawns, The Old Rectory, List Cottage, Springtime, 1 and 2 Glebe Cottages, Wistaria, Little Quaives, Southview, Wickhambreaux Lodge and Hawthorn Bungalow on the List, Wickhambreaux.

Reculver: The following area has been removed from the Reculver conservation area: numbers 1 to 17 (consecutively) Blue Dolphin Park, Reculver Lane to the south west of Reculver House.

To place your notice here call the Kent Public Notice team on **01303 817044**

PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

KCC/DA/0294/2011 - Proposed development at Rowhill School, Woodview Campus, Main Road, Longfield, Kent, DA3 7PW.

Rowhill School is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the provision of an additional vehicular access. The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

You may view this application at Dartford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR.

KCC/TM/0360/2011 - Proposed development at Cleansing Service Group Ltd, Quarry Wood Industrial Estate, Mills Road, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7NA.

Cleansing Service Group Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for development of a Hazardous Waste Transfer Station.

You may view this application at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ.

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/SW/0309/2011 - Proposed development at Sheldwich Primary School, Lees Court Road, Sheldwich, Faversham, Kent, ME13 0LU.

Kent County Council is applying to Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission for retention of a mobile classroom unit. The proposed development is within the Sheldwich Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance, and also affects the setting of a Listed Building.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT.

KCC/SW/0364/2011 - Proposed development at Highways Depot, Canterbury Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8LY.

Kent Highway Services is applying to Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission for the erection of a Salt Barn. The proposed development is adjacent to the Preston-next-Faversham Conservation Area and may affect its character and/or appearance.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at the Faversham Area Office, Alexander Centre, Preston Street, Faversham, Kent.

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13(3) OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

KCC/DA/0350/2011 - Proposed development at Pinden Quarry, Green Street Green Road, Dartford, Kent, DA2 8EB.

Pinden Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for a variation of conditions 5, 6 and 16 of planning permission DA/07/1 (as amended) to allow modifications to phasing and soil storage arrangements and to increase the depth of excavation and resultant landfill of part of the northern extension. The application is accompanied by an environmental statement. The proposed development may not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

You may view this application at Dartford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from Environmental Scientifics Group, The Oasts, Newnham Court, Bearsted Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5LH so long as stocks last, at a charge of £100.00.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/planning or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 21 August 2011



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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

11/02322/HOUSE 2 The Gables Brenchley Road, Brenchley
- Front porch (LB)

11/02225/HOUSE West Barn Ploggs Hall, Capel
- Multi-fuel stove in the living room, with flue on side elevation and extending 600 mm above the roof ridge (LB)

11/02226/LBC West Barn Ploggs Hall, Capel- Listed Building Consent
- Multi-fuel stove in the living room, with flue on side elevation and extending 600 mm above the roof ridge (TW/11/02225/HOUSE refers) (LB)

11/02350/FUL The Schools At Somerhill Somerhill, Capel
- New link road within the school grounds (LB)

11/02358/FUL Heathervale House 2 - 4 Vale Avenue, Culverden
- Proposed roof extension to provide nine apartments with new entrance extension to front elevation and retention of office use (CA)

11/02342/FUL Bakers Farm House Barn Ladhams Road, Goudhurst
- Change of use of barn to self catering holiday accommodation (alternative scheme to planning permission TW/09/03736) (LB)

11/02324/FULMJ Maidstone & District Bus Station Rye Road, Hawkhurst
- Variation of Condition (5) of Planning Permission TW/10/02328 (Demolition of the former bus station and erection of single storey A1 retail unit with ancillary car parking for 82 vehicles, including 3 disabled and 3 parent/child parking spaces) - Hard surfaced area to be of a porous nature (CA) (MAJOR)

11/02171/FUL Spelmonden Farm Spelmonden Road, Horsmonden
- Extension of Time - Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to B1 business use (TW/08/02224/FUL refers) (LB)

11/02310/FUL Capel Cross Grovehurst Lane, Horsmonden
- Demolition of existing stable building and replace with timber stable building and open fronted 2 cars garage, hay store and garden store. Equestrian training ground and landscaping treatment (LB)

11/02343/HOUSE Furnace Mill Farm Furnace Lane, Lamberhurst
- Two-storey side extension and conversion of single kiln oast into a three-bedroom annexe ancillary to the main house (LB)

11/02347/LBC Furnace Mill Farm Furnace Lane, Lamberhurst
- Listed Building Consent- Two-storey side extension and conversion of single kiln oast into a three-bedroom annexe ancillary to the main house (LB)

11/02209/FUL 27B The Pantiles Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Retrospective - Installation of new boiler with new external flue in new location (CA) (LB)

11/02210/LBC 27B The Pantiles Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Listed Building Consent: To retain installation of new boiler with new external flue in new location already carried out (LB)

11/02355/FUL The Cumberland 3 Cumberland Walk, Pantiles & St Marks
- Retention of electricity generator and enclosure for a further 12 month period on planning permission TW/10/04037/FUL (CA) (LB)

11/02234/HOUSE Wilderness Mews Pembury Road, Park
- Refurbishment of mews cottage including minor alterations and replacement of all window and door joinery (CA)

11/02164/LBC Old Place Bodiam Road, Sandhurst
- Listed Building Consent: Replace rotten timber sash windows with like for like single glazed sash windows in hardwood to front elevation (LB)

11/02271/FUL The New Swan Queen Street, Sandhurst
- Single storey extensions to front and rear, alterations internally, removal of tile-hanging and replacement with upvc weatherboarding, fenestration, fascia alterations, extension of parking area (LB) (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planning.comments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall/Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
Dated: 20 August 2011



THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/11/1067/N - 1, LOWER STREET COTTAGES, LOWER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1RR
- Erection of a single storey side extension, a single storey rear extension and a front porch, plus new block paving to frontage. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1071/N - 31, BREWER STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1RU - Conversion of three flats to six flats including single storey rear extension and external alterations, including alterations and additions to roof and fenestration. **Reason: 2**

MA/11/1091/S - CHARTER HOUSE, CHART CORNER, CHART SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3SB - Listed building consent (retrospective) for insertion of rooflight to flat roof element at rear and conversion of cellar to additional living accommodation including the room being tanked. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1142/S - 17, NORTH STREET, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3AP - Change of use from existing class A1 retail use to a dwelling (class C3) with garage. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1156/S - 3, SALTS FARM COTTAGES, SALTS LANE, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0BD - Erection of a single storey rear extension, replacement front door, reconfiguration of entrance steps and alterations to boundary wall. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1157/S - 3, SALTS FARM COTTAGES, SALTS LANE, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0BD - An application for listed building consent for the erection of a single storey rear extension replacement front door, reconfiguration of entrance steps and alterations to boundary wall. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1163/S - 4, CHURCH HILL COTTAGES, HIGH STREET, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0AX - Insertion of a front dormer window. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1208/S - BLY COURT MANOR, CHAPEL LANE, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0AN - Alterations to front elevation including removal of first floor render and rebuilding of ground floor brickwork, plus erection of a single storey link extension and conversion of outbuilding to breakfast area including installation of two rooflights. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1214/S - WALNUT COTTAGE, CHURCH WALK, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9NR - Replacement windows and doors to side and rear elevations. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1219/S - BLY COURT MANOR, CHAPEL LANE, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0AN - An application for listed building consent for alterations to front elevation including removal of first floor render and rebuilding of ground floor brickwork, plus erection of a single storey link extension and conversion of outbuilding. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1224/N - 22, UNION STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1ED - Change of use from class A1 (retail shop) to Class A2 (Estate Agent). **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1229/S - 1 AND 2, CHURCH STREET, TOVIL, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6RB - Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 2 retail unit and 9 self contained flats at 1 Church Street and alterations to 2 Church Street. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1242/S - LINSTONE, EAST STREET, HUNTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0RB - Conversion of existing double garage into additional living accommodation with first floor extension over. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1249/N - WRENS NEST, HEADCORN ROAD, GRAFTY GREEN, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2AP - Erection of a single storey garden/hobbies room with link to main house. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1250/N - WRENS NEST, HEADCORN ROAD, GRAFTY GREEN, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2AP - An application for listed building consent for the demolition of an existing outbuilding and erection of a single storey garden/hobbies room with link to main house. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1269/S - THREE TREES, THE STREET, ULCOMBE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1DX - Outline application for the erection of 2(n) dwellings including detached double garage and associated works with access, layout and scale to be considered at this stage and appearance and landscaping reserved for future consideration. **Reason: 1**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **4th September 2011** quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. Dated: **21st August 2011**



Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
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Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/11/00922/FUL: 45-47 Wincheap, Canterbury, CT1 3SW Change of use from office to nine apartments with associated alterations and erection of five dwellings. **Applicant: GGT Properties** Reason: Major and conservation area.

CA/11/00923/CAC: 45-47 Wincheap, Canterbury, CT1 3SW Demolition of the existing buildings to facilitate redevelopment of site. **Applicant: GGT Properties** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.

CA/11/01147/LB: Flat 3, 9 St George's Terrace, Herne Bay, CT6 8RG Installation of gas service pipe. **Applicant: Mrs Baker** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/11/01262/FUL: Woolton Farm Barn, Woolton Farm, Littlebourne, CT4 5EA Change of use from agricultural to farm shop/plant centre (Class Use A1/A3.) **Applicant: H Mount & Sons Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01273/LB: The Island House, 1 Chartham Corn Mill, Ashford Road, Chartham, CT4 7NY Installation of flue, (Revised scheme).

Applicant: Dr and Mrs C Powell Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/11/01300/FUL: 82 Regent Street, Whitstable, CT5 1JQ Single-storey rear extension. **Applicant: Mr Smith** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01301/FUL: 197 Wincheap, Canterbury, CT1 3TP Two-storey extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs Keem** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01302/FUL: Deenary Farm, Bolts Hill, Chartham, CT4 7LD Erection of summerhouse. **Applicant: Mrs Day** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01303/LB: Deenary Farm, Bolts Hill, Chartham, CT4 7LD Erection of summerhouse. **Applicant: Mrs Day** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA/11/01306/FUL: 3A Woodlawn Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HG Erection of single-storey extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Gurstang** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01309/FUL: 80-84 Canterbury Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5SB Installation of ATM and two anti-ram bollards. **Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01310/FUL: Unit 5, Deenary Farm, Parish Road, Chartham, CT4 7LD Change of use from B1 to D1 (reflexology). **Applicant: Mrs Day** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01316/LB: Church of St Gregory the Great, Canterbury Christ Church University, North Holmes Road, Canterbury, CT1 1QU Internal alterations. **Applicant: Canterbury Christ Church University** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/11/01352/LB: 55 to 57 Barton Mill Road, Canterbury, CT1 1BP Change of roof material to parapet roof. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Curtis** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/11/01365/FUL: Cedar Grove, Park Lane, Bishopsbourne, CT4 5HY Erection of timber gates. **Applicant: Mr David Hurley** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.control@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 12 September 2011**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 19 August 2011

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HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

GRANARY COURT ROAD, SMEETH - (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of a new electricity supply cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Granary Court Road, Smeeth, on or after 22 August 2011 for up to 12 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Plain Road and Pound Lane.

WYE LEVEL CROSSING, WYE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Wye Level Crossing, Wye, on or after 11 September 2011 from 8.00 am until 8.00 pm.

Bridge Street, Wye will be closed at the Level Crossing.

There will be no access for through traffic from Harville Road / Bramble Lane into the village of Wye.

The alternative route is via Bridge Street, Churchfield Way, High Street, Upper Bridge Street, Oxenturn Road, Naccolt Road, Hinxhill Road, The Street (Willesborough), Azor70 Kennington Road and Willesborough Road, A28 Canterbury Road and Harville Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

CHARTHAM LEVEL CROSSING, CHARTHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of Network Rail engineering works at the level crossing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chartham Level Crossing, Chartham, on or after 11 September 2011.

The planned closure times are from Sunday 11 September 2011 at 2.00 am until Monday 12 September at 2.00 am.

Station Road, Chartham will be closed at Chartham Level Crossing.

The alternative route is via Station Road, A28 Ashford Road, Shalmsford Street, Bolts Hill, Parish Road and Church Lane

GREENHILL BRIDGE ROAD, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of footbridge refurbishment works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting northbound traffic on B2205 Greenhill Bridge Road, Herne Bay, on or after 10 September 2011 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed northbound (except for service buses) between the junctions with Sea Street and A2990 (Old) Thanet Way.

The alternative route is via A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, Canterbury Road, High Street, Avenue Road and Sea Street.

Southbound traffic is unaffected.

A further closure is provisionally planned for 23 October 2011.

ST DUNSTAN'S LEVEL CROSSING, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Dunstan's Level Crossing, Canterbury, from 11 September 2011.

It is planned St Dunstan's Street will be closed at the level crossing from Sunday 11 September 2011 at 0.50 am until Monday 12 September 2011 at 3.30 am.

The alternative route is via St Dunstan's Street, London Road, Rheims Way and St Peter's Place.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

CHURCH HILL, STONE - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to

make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Church Hill, Stone either side of Stone Level Crossing. The Order will become effective on 5th September 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence between Sunday11th September 2011 01.00 and Monday 12th September 2011 03.00. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Church Hill, Stone Place, London Road, St Clements Way, Az06, Station Road, Crossways Boulevard, Charles Street and Church Hill

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Network Rail works

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

HIGH STREET, EASTRY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on High Street, Eastry, on or after 24 August 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Woodnesborough Lane and the village car park.

The alternative route is via Sandwich Road, Statenborough Lane, Gore Lane, Mill Lane and High Street.

LUCERNE LANE, MARTIN MILL, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of essential railway bridge repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Lucerne Lane, Martin Mill, Dover, on or after 5 September 2011 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for a distance of approximately 20 metres either side of the bridge.

The alternative route is via The Street, East Langdon Road, Hollands Hill and Station Road.

It is planned that the works will be carried out between the hours of 9.00 am and 4.00 pm each day, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

ST GEORGE'S ROAD & WEST STREET, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of cabling works in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St George's Road & West Street, Deal, on or after 22 August 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

WEST STREET will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with St George's Road.

ST GEORGE'S ROAD will be closed between the junctions with West Street and High Street.

The alternative route is via Duke Street, (Union Road in reverse), High Street, Stanhope Road and West Street.

VARIOUS ROADS, EWELL MINNIS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Ewell Minnis, on or after 23 August 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

BELSEY LANE will be closed between the junctions with Warren Lane and Greenwich Lane.

GREENWICH LANE / NEWCASTLE LANE will be closed between the junctions with Belsey Lane and Red Barn Lane.

The alternative route is via Warren Lane, Ferne Lane and Newcastle Lane.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(A249 DETLING HILL/SITTINGBOURNE ROAD AT DETLING/THURNHAM)
(TEMPORARY 50MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic travelling at any speed greater than 50mph on the northbound carriageway of Detling Hill/Sittingbourne Road between the existing permanent 50mph speed restriction 407 metres north east of its junction with Scragged Oak Road to the Detling Aerodrome Approach Road

The order shall come into operation at times when required as indicated by signage on site on 27th/28th/29th August 2011.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PARK ROAD, MARDEN)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Park Road, between Five Oak Lane and Thorn Road on or after Monday 5th September 2011 when required for a period of up to 3 months or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Pagehurst Road, Five Ash Lane, Five Oak Lane.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to install a water main. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Anthony Kavanagh on 01634 276117.

HIGHWAYS - Boroughs of Maidstone & Swale

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(SOUTH STREET ROAD, WEST WOOD ROAD, YELSTED ROAD, COX STREET, MAGPIE LANE, STOCKBURY & HARTLIP)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 5th September 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

SCHEDULE

Road Name: South Street Road, Stockbury Hill Green Road to Chalky Road
Extent: Start: 5th September 2011
Dates: End: 6th September 2011

Diversion: West Wood Road, Hill Green Road
Road Name: West Wood Road, Stockbury Plum Tyree Lane to South Street Road
Extent: Start: 7th September 2011
Dates: End: 9th September 2011

Diversion: Hill Green Road, Yelsted Road
Road Name: Yelsted Road, Stockbury Yelsted Lane to West Wood Road
Extent: Start: 12th September 2011
Dates: End: 13th September 2011

Diversion: Hill Green Road, Plum Tree Lane, West Wood Road

Road Name: Cox Street, Stockbury Yelsted Lane to White Hill Road
Extent: Start: 14th September 2011
Dates: End: 16th September 2011

Diversion: Southbound traffic: White Hill Road, Matts Hill Road, Matts Hill, Vaugher Lane, Magpie Lane. Northbound traffic: Yelsted Lane, Yelsted Road, Bimbury Lane, Aerodrome Approach, Az49 Detling Hill, Scragged Oak Road, Cox Street

Road Name: Magpie Lane, Hartlip
Extent: Cox Street to Cox Street
Dates: Start: 3rd October 2011
End: 21 October 2011

Diversion: Cox Street

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for a mains laying scheme. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Ben McKellar on 01634 276117.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

CHURCH STREET, SHOREHAM (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Church Street, Sevenoaks between Shoreham Place and Darenth Way.

The Order will become effective on 22nd August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: A225 Shoreham Road, A225 Station Road, High Street, Pilgrims Way West, Twitton Lane and Filston Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a new electrical supply.

OKADENE ROAD, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Okadene Road, Sevenoaks between side of 2 Okadene Road and 69 Bradbourne Vale Road.

The Order will become effective on 22nd August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Okadene Road and A25 Bradbourne Vale Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway overlay.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

IYVCHURCH ROAD, SNAVE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow the Highways Agency to safely work on the adjacent A2070 Trunk Road, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Iychurch Road, Snave, on or after 5 September 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

Iychurch Road will be closed to west-bound traffic at the junction with the A2070, preventing traffic joining the A2070 at this point.

The alternative route is to continue north on the section of Ashford Road which passes Manor Farm then join the A2070 approximately 0.6 miles further north.

Traffic entering Iychurch Road from the A2070 will be unaffected.

For further information, please contact
Kent Highway Services,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

CLOCKHOUSE LANE, BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow safe access for telegraph pole renewal, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Clockhouse Lane, Boughton-under-Blean, on or after 8 September 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Selling Road for a distance of approximately 400 metres.

The alternative route is via Selling Road and Brenley Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

ALL SAINTS AVENUE, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to connect an inspection chamber to the waste water system, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on All Saints Avenue, Margate, on or after 5 September 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Arlington House.

The alternative route is via Canterbury Road and All Saints Avenue (note there is a 12' 9" height restriction on this road).

NASH ROAD, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the excavation of trial holes in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Nash Road, Margate, on or after 22 August 2011 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside 1 & 2 New Cottages. There will be no through access between the junctions with Star Lane and Shottendane Road.

The alternative routes are

Northbound via Haine Road, Margate Road, Ramsgate Road, College Road

Southbound via Tivoli Road, Beatrice Road, Ramsgate Road, Margate Road and Haine Road.

PROSPECT ROAD, BIRCHINGTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Prospect Road, Birchington, on or after 5 September 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside number 25.

The alternative route is via Kent Gardens, Surrey Gardens, Minnis Road, Station Road and Prospect Road.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Prospect Road, between the junctions with Station Road and Westfield Road, will be suspended.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (MOUNT PLEASANT AVENUE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Mount Pleasant Avenue between numbers 64 and 74, on or after Wednesday 7th September 2011 when required for a period of up to 3 days or until such works are complete.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for a new connection. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Richard Rogers of Clancy Docwra on 01634 276090.

Tumblefield Road, Plaxdale Green Road.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to install pipework. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Anthony Kavanagh on 01634 276409.

Katherine Kerswell
 Group Managing Director
 Invicta House
 County Hall,
 Maidstone
 Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 21st August 2011

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BIRTHS

BEAL

Anthony and Joni Beal are delighted to announce the birth of their son Harrison Anthony Beal at Maidstone Hospital on 14th July, 2011.

EDWARDS

Harry Ronald Edwards born on the 11th August, 2011, weighing 7lb 10oz, at the William Harvey, Ashford.

HAMMOND

Stephanie and Martin Hammond celebrate the birth of their son, Blake Scott Hammond, born on the 9th August, 2011.

NWACHUKWU

I thank God for answering my prayers. I wish her the best in life.

REBBECK

Lee and Sam of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the birth of their second son, Oliver Miles William, on 18th July, 2011. Baby brother to Harrison, who is looking forward to all the fun they are going to have together. xxx

SAMBROOK

Candice and Mark celebrate the birth of their son Ollie Robert Sambrook on 6th August, 2011, weighing 5lb 14oz.

SANDFORD

Nicholas and Lorraine celebrate the birth of their son Teddy on 27th July, 2011.

WHITE

Megan Elizabeth White born on 26th July, 2011, weighing 7lb 4oz.

Daughter to Claire and David White in Dartford.

DEATHS

KEETCH

Andrey Margaret peacefully passed away in her sleep aged 85 years on Saturday, 6th August, 2011, at Withens Nursing Home. Rest in peace.

LUTZ

Audrey Gertrude Lutz of Ramsgate passed away peacefully at home with her loving husband Ken, on 3rd August, 2011. Forever in our hearts.

PALMER

Derek Palmer, retired Fire Officer of Birchington, passed away on 12 August, 2011. Enquiries to Co Op Funeralcare, Birchington, 01843 846633.



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THE INTERVIEW

Lee Hurst

MORE than 10 years since he quit iconic panel show *They Think It's All Over*, comedian Lee Hurst is heading back out on tour with a show that could return him to the little screen.

The *Man v Woman* tour is the London comedian's first outing for a couple of years, but its tried and tested format from his live show has already been a smash hit at Hurst's Bethnal Green comedy club FymFyg.

"The show is basically split into two halves," he said. "The first bit is stand-up where I get the audience warmed up a bit and I scope out the room. By scope out the room, I mean I am looking for audience members who will be good if they take part in the second half."

"I look for people with a bit of spark or are a bit lively and make eye contact."

"After the interval, it becomes the *Man v Woman* show. The lights go up and I pick out two people who are going to come up on stage with me for the remainder."

Hurst places his show firmly in the hands of his two choices, a man and a woman, who will then take on his quiz to earn votes from the crowd.

"I put specific questions to both of them and there are also tasks for them to complete. It is all to highlight how men and women act and think differently in certain situations."

And Hurst, 49, is not worried by the risk factor of picking out over-zealous punters.

"The more they get involved with it, the better it works. If you get someone up there who rolls with the jokes they can raise the roof and become the star of the show."

Man v Woman is just one of the ideas to come out of Hurst's weekly comedy performances at his club. Others that could well feature on later tours include *Leebay*, where members of the audience can ask Hurst to humorously sell items to others.

He said: "It's crazy, some big money has changed hands before and there have been plenty of odd items from Ann Summers being brought along. We had one woman who bought a surfboard for £20 on the night."

"Imagine the police seeing a woman walking down the street in Bethnal Green with a surfboard late at night!"

"We also have a section called 'the hammer of death', in which people can bid to come up on stage and destroy something. One bloke paid £15 just to smash up a Jim Davidson DVD – it was brilliant."

The tour heads to Tunbridge Wells and Folkestone in September, and is being eyed up by Hurst as a possible TV production for the future.

It's all fun and games for Lee

Joe Bill talks to comic Lee Hurst, star of 90s TV hit *They Think It's All Over*, who promises more mayhem during his all-new *Man v Woman* tour

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For me, *They Think It's All Over* had become less about the comedy and more about making a spectacle of celebrity guests

HURST, ON WHY HE LEFT SHOW

He said: "It really works live. And if it has got legs, and I believe it has, it could be something that could get on screen. If the tour goes well, then we might have a think about pushing it forward."

Hurst is best-known for his stint on iconic BBC panel show *They Think It's All Over* during the 90s. The sports comedy starred ex-footballer Gary Lineker, former cricketer David Gower and comedian Rory McGrath and propelled Hurst into becoming a household name.

Originally the warm-up act for the show,

Hurst was quickly promoted to being a panellist.

He said: "The first pilot was adapted from the radio and originally had Des Lynam and a couple of others in it, but it was terrible and put on hold. At the time the BBC were not keen on having me on the panel because they didn't think enough people knew me, but I then got the call saying I would be in the first series and it went from there."

Hurst stayed and the show's popularity kept growing until around series four, when the

funny-man believed that the quiz needed updating and tweaking.

He said: "I suppose I was like the boy who cried wolf at the time. I could see gaps appearing in the show and things that needed to be changed, but the viewing figures were still massive – we're talking around the 13 million mark."

"The second VHS video of the show was crap. And the gaps I had seen coming were clearly visible. I was doing a tour at the time and I did 100 interviews, but I didn't mention the video once because it was so bad."

"For me, *They Think It's All Over* had become less about the comedy and more about making a spectacle of the celebrity guests that were coming in each week. It wasn't funny."

Hurst says he was promised by producers that the show would change and get updated in series five.

But "the changes never happened", he said. "In the final edit of an episode of series five you can see me putting my feet up on the desk and putting my hands behind my head."

"That was me quitting the show. There were no histrionics or anything, I just left and headed back to The Comedy Store."

Formerly a van-driver in the capital, Hurst also confirmed the rumour that he very nearly ran for Mayor of London in 2004, due to his frustrations with the road system.

He said: "As a professional driver you spend so much time on the road you can see where problems are caused. That was the main reason behind the idea of running for election, the transport issues. I believe that London's traffic and congestion problems could be solved within 12 months if you did it all in one hit."

"It would be chaos for a while, but after that it would be sorted. The problem with the mayors now is that they just tweak and tweak and tweak the problem, like you would do to get an old car through its MOT. But really you need to just admit you need to get a new car."

"I did consider running very seriously, but unfortunately it was at that time that my dad got ill and I had more important things to worry about."

Hurst, who often visits his family in Kent, will take his 20-date tour across the UK until December when he reopens his newly-refurbished comedy club.

■ For tickets to see Lee Hurst at the Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday, September 22; visit www.trinitytheatre.net or phone 01892 678678. To see him at Folkestone's Quarterhouse on Friday, September 23, visit www.quarterhouse.co.uk or call 01303 858500.



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TALKING POINT

Landfill

ENVIRONMENTALLY destructive, wasteful, outdated and smelly – Kent Green Party has slammed the county's reliance on landfill. Filling holes with rubbish until they are full and then burying it, is the oldest form of waste treatment.

Kent County Council has been consulting on a number of new potential sites for landfill, which have been suggested by businesses and landowners.

Many residents responded with concerns about increased traffic on already busy roads, noise and air pollution, and the loss of wildlife habitat.

KCC has stressed that no decisions have been made about whether the 96 sites put forward for development are suitable or not.

But for Steve Dawe, spokesman for the county's Green Party, the local authority should be looking instead at alternatives to new landfill sites.

"They should be planning to dramatically increase reuse and recycling," he said. "There is a clear signal from the Government that they are looking at a zero-waste strategy and there is no place in that for landfill."

"Landfill is a failure to deal with waste and not an effective solution."

In the UK we currently recycle about 40 per cent of our waste and 50 per cent goes to landfill.

Mr Dawe explained the problems with landfill. He said: "The main affect of any landfill site is the transport implications. In order to run it economically, you need thousands of movements of vehicles every year to make it worthwhile to operate."

"The big effect of this is a considerable addition to air pollution and road traffic."

Campaigners in Westerham, a picturesque town near Sevenoaks, have been protesting over plans for a landfill site to take 6,750,000 tonnes of waste at Covers Farm. They say if plans are approved, they could see up to 68,000 extra lorries driving through the town each year.

Meanwhile, other countries in Europe have already successfully reduced their reliance on landfill, which has brought both environmental and economic benefits.

"If you do not go for landfill, only one per cent of waste from homes and businesses in Germany goes to landfill, you have a source of raw materials you can use in your economy," said Mr Dawe.

"If you are re-using and recycling you do not need more landfill."

"Denmark has sites for the collection of specific types of construction materials. People have to take them by law and they collect wood, bricks, concrete, etc, from sites for their re-use."

"This is something we have not achieved here in some years. The proportion of landfill that is construction waste is one third."

"There should not be waste of that sort of level, but it is encouraged by having landfill sites."

Asked why German and other European countries have been so successful at reducing landfill use, Mr Dawe said: "Germany's approach is interestingly rather similar to what the Government is proposing in its Carbon Plan."

"It is a zero-waste strategy, which looks at all the forms of materials arising as waste and attempts to reduce the amount of wastage at source. It is about recycling as much as possible while looking for forms of reuse as well to maximise use of potential waste."

He said the Green Party has advocated a zero-waste strategy for many years. Research by the party has found that 50,000 jobs could be added to the waste sector if we operated a zero-waste strategy.

One of the arguments that has been used in favour of landfill is that it can provide jobs for the local communities. But the Green Party believes even more jobs can be created by swapping to more sustainable waste policies.

Mr Dawe said: "With a zero-waste strategy you are reducing imports of raw materials."



Reporter JENNA PUDELEK talks to Kent Green Party about what it claims are the environmental and social dangers of more landfill sites

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“There is a clear signal from the Government that they are looking at a zero waste strategy and there is no place in that for landfill, which is a failure to deal with waste and not a solution.”

STEVE DAWE, SPOKESMAN FOR KENT GREEN PARTY

"We import a lot, something like 90 per cent of the wood we put in use is being imported. One of the things we could be looking at is growing more forests and Kent has a lot of useful land for that purpose. We could be reducing import bills and it seems crazy that we're not doing that."

Other key objections by environmental campaigners to landfill include the potential for gas leakages. "One of things you expect landfill to do is make sure any gas is caught and actually used," Mr Dawe said. "Methane can be used as an energy source."

"It is a major greenhouse gas so you want to capture and burn it because you do not want it in the atmosphere to prevent it adding to greenhouse gas emissions."

The methane, which is generated by decaying organic waste, is a greenhouse gas more harmful for the atmosphere than carbon dioxide.

Another danger of landfill is the social message it sends out by adding to the perception of a "great throw-away culture", Mr Dawe said.

"Alternatives to landfill sends a clear message to those who are resistant to recycling, which is a significant minority of households, and enterprises," he said. "We need to indicate that landfill is not going to be available."

"If they insist in putting large amounts of useful materials into waste streams this will cost them more money. But it must be done in a sensitive fashion because there is a risk that action to stop waste can push some people to engage in their own version of landfill – dumping – which is problematic."

"Re-use and recycling must be made easy to deter the behaviour of people engaged in dumping."

He added: "There is also the long-term contamination issue. The land cannot be put back to agricultural use because of toxic materials such as batteries, which are thrown away by some even though they can be recycled, and some plastics."

"It also means that the land cannot be replanted with trees."

A spokesman for KCC said there was no limit on the number of new landfill sites. He said comments on the 96 sites proposed by businesses and landowners would be reviewed before another list of sites the authority wants to include in it Minerals and Waste Development Framework is drawn up.

There will be another round of public consultation. It will then be down to a public inquiry to inform the Government, which will then decide on the final sites.

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DIG FOR VICTORY: Volunteer diggers are uncovering the remains of Folkestone's cliff-top Roman villa

Roman villa giving up its long-buried secrets

By Ed Hill

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DOWN the years Folkestone has been known for attracting wealthy people to its seaside location, but it seems the trend dates right back to Roman times.

A Town Unearthed is a three-year community archaeology project organised by Canterbury Christ Church University, the Folkestone People's History Centre, and Canterbury Archaeological Trust.

Its latest project is investigating the remains of a Roman Villa on the East Cliff.

Senior archaeologist and site director Keith Parfitt said: "The site was discovered by Samuel Winbolt in 1923. The site was left exposed as a tourist attraction up until 1957 when due to neglect it was filled in."

The excavations revealed a grand Roman villa facing towards the sea on the cliff top.

Now archaeologists have been given the chance to explore the site further before it crumbles into the sea.

Mr Parfitt said: "When Winbolt excavated it was 100ft from the cliff edge. Now we are down to about 8ft. Unfortunately it might all go in one big landslide."

"They did quite a good job in excavating it in 1924 but now we can do it even better."

Members of the community and students have volunteered to help with the digs.

Mr Parfitt said: "It has many different aspects to it, not just the villa. We have one or two very big rooms. The people

who lived here were probably British Romans, rather than from Rome itself.

"They were upper class types, rather like Victorians who could afford a large mansion. They would have had servants who would have been slaves."

The villa probably consisted of two storeys with large wings. It had a mosaic floor in one room and a bath house.

Underneath the structure, made from green sandstones rocks taken from the beach, are the remains of an even earlier Roman building made from ironstone and flint.

Mr Parfitt said: "Why they took the trouble to bring that in from further away, we just don't know."

"The fact the house faces the sea is a statement in itself. We think the people here were rich enough to sit and admire the view."

"It was probably surrounded by farmsteads and these were tenants who would have paid their rent to the landowner in the villa."

"The villa's owners may have been related to the ancient Celtic aristocracy who were here before the Romans."

The digging has taken the experts even further back in time.

"A new discovery below this building is a pre-Roman settlement that was much bigger than just the villa."

"We think it might actually have been some kind of port. From here, it is the closest crossing across the Channel."

"There is also the old North Downs trackway on a ridge

nearby that ran right up to Surrey and Guildford and on to Wiltshire. A kind of M20 of its day," said Mr Parfitt.

Pre-Roman coins and Italian wine flasks have been found in the area, showing it was a used to trading with Europe.

Mr Parfitt said: "It seems these people may have been happy to trade with the Romans before they invaded."

"The wine flasks date back to about 100BC. We see the trap-pings of the Roman world were bleeding into Britain from here."

It also seems the green sandstone led to a small industry at the site. Scattered around are the remains of quern stones; carved circles used for grinding wheat that were common across the ancient world.

Mr Parfitt said: "We have found 45 of them here so far. It was a basic domestic item and it may well be they were being made and exported from here."

There are still a few more weeks to go exploring the site. The works are open to visitors and there is a exhibition about the history of the villa and some of the items found so far.

Mr Parfitt said: "Once we have finished we will write up our results. It is a long complicated story."

"This site had already been singled out as somewhere important before the Romans. The villa was just the end result of that long period of time."

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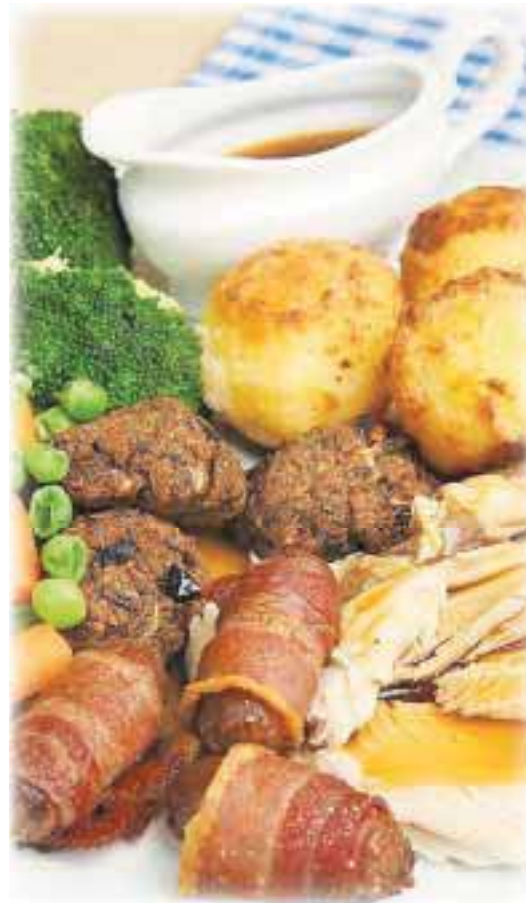
Sunday roast and opened it up to new variations and culinary experimentation.

Gone are the days when lamb, beef, pork or chicken dominated the menus in Kentish eateries. We are now so fortunate as to be offered, for example, roast goose with chilli carrots, roast duck with plumb sauce... or even roast woodpigeon!

And let's not forget Kent's other top attribute, our glorious coastline, which offers up scores of sumptuous fish dishes to enjoy.

In the bays and along the beaches, our restaurants often promote their freshly-caught cod or plaice, or maybe shellfish are more your thing.

The choice and selection of dishes that Kentish folk can proudly call 'locally sourced' provides an extra satisfaction to our Sunday lunch menus. Here are six of the best.



The Olive Tree Ramada Dover

Why here...

Sunday lunch is a great time to get together with the family and enjoy the lavish Sunday carvery buffet in the new restaurant, with the resident pianist playing quietly in the background.

On the menu...

The Sunday carvery lunch offers an Eat All You Can buffet featuring a selection of starters, three meat choices, roast vegetables and a vegetarian option, followed by a range of desserts.

How to book...

Ramada Hotel Dover
Singledge Lane, Whitfield, Dover
phone: 01304 872845
reservations@ramadadover.co.uk



The White Hart Canterbury

Why here...

The White Hart is set close to both the picturesque Canterbury city centre and Wincheap. Boasting the city's largest pub garden, the establishment offers traditional pub-grub meals and snacks for lunch but with a more diverse à la carte menu for the evening diners. Food is served Monday to Saturday from midday to 3pm and 6pm-9pm. The Sunday lunch menu

is available from midday to 4pm weekly.

On the menu...

There are two roast options available every week. Each is served with with fresh, locally-produced vegetables and roast potatoes. Other Sunday-lunch options include twice-baked cheddar and spring-onion soufflés served with a light and healthy salad.

How to book...

Worthgate Place, Canterbury CT1 2QX
phone: 01227 765091
whitehartpub@live.co.uk

Beachbrow Hotel Deal

Why here...

The super Sunday roast is not to be missed. A small family-run hotel with helpful and friendly staff. Both restaurant and bar have beautiful sea views across the Channel and the White Cliffs.

On the menu...

Sunday roasts are second to none, offering a selection of meats such as Alkham Valley beef, fruit-fed pork, free-range chicken, duck and Romney Marsh lamb. Local vegetables cooked fresh.

How to book...

The Beachbrow Hotel
29 Beach Street, Deal CT14 6HY
phone: 01304 374338
beachbrowbookings@live.co.uk



Wallett's Court St Margaret's

Why here...

Celebrating three decades of classic British country living, Wallett's Court, in its 30th year of business, is now serving a classic Sunday roast in its Michelin-rated restaurant from just £14.95. The gorgeous hotel, restaurant and bar are situated close to east Kent's rolling hills and fields and are just a stone's throw away from beautiful St Margaret's Bay and the stunning views

across the English Channel to France.

On the menu...

Start with a watercress soup or smoked loch salmon before a roast sirloin of 30-day matured beef with Yorkshires. Or try the local loin of Brogdale Farm pork and vegetables. Perhaps try a sumptuous leg of Romney Marsh lamb dressed with mint.

How to book...

Wallett's Court Country House Hotel, Westcliffe,
St Margaret's-at-Cliffe CT15 6EW
phone: 01304 852 424



St Crispin Inn Worth

Why here...

Mike and his daughter Siobhan have taken over this beautiful 15th-century inn. Located in the village of Worth, a friendly welcome, quality food and service is what you can expect.

On the menu...

A traditional Sunday roast offering you a choice of meats and all the usual trimmings will leave you satisfied and wondering if you will still have room for one of the delicious desserts.

How to book...

The Street, Worth,
Deal CT14 0DF
phone: 01304 612081
www.stcrispininn.com

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Women Seeking

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(T&C's below)
Hi I am Marie, a pretty middle aged lonely divorce missing male company seeking love and laughter with likeminded man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373003
PATRICIA 62, blonde, green eyes, 5ft 5ins, slim, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372485
CHARLOTTE 30, sweet French female, long legs, sporty, fit and healthy, seeking well built, fit guy to share interests and show me new ones. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372687
BEAUTIFUL nurse slim size 10, brunette, just looking for a bit of fun and good times with understanding nice younger man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372685
MONICA 35 attractive black female seeking genuine white male up to 65yrs who can appreciate good times with a lovely lady. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372683
FIT female 39, enjoys good conversation, laughs and walking bare foot in the grass, WLTm similar male for friendship/fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372663
LYNNE slim, scatty blonde, mid 50's, looking for some fun and company. Margate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366428
SOCIALE cuddly 70's lady, GSOH, N/S, likes cinema, darts out, coast, seeks genuine male for friendship. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 36929
I'm Gorgeous, lively seeking a similar professional who thinks he can handle me, good times guaranteed. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 36922
STUNNING blonde nurse, 32, funny and romantic, WLTm uncomplicated, reliable male, 50-65yrs for companionship and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369221
JACQUELINE 48, medium build, likes nights in/out, seeks male, 40-58 for friendship, maybe more. Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370747
ACTIVE slim female 30yrs, easygoing, honest with GSOH and a passion for life looking for genuine man to fall for, 28-50yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370097
CAROLINE size 16, seeks kind, honest, loving gent, 45 plus for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371099
LONELY Folkestone lady, 57, 5ft 11ins, medium build, N/S, seeks caring, considerate male for walks by the sea and pubs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371067
AFRICAN female, likes cooking, travel seeks male for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368672
DONNA 47, bubbly, caring, loving, seeks genuine, loving guy. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370863
VERY good looking Turkish female looking to meet male 29-45 for fun friendship. Looks/race/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370183
ATTRACTIVE N/S 52yr old female, likes walks, countryside, pubs, companionship for meals out, holidays and sunshine, any buttons pressed in East Kent area, please call. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372917
47YR old female, slim, seeks tall male for relationship. West Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372783
LISA N/S, easygoing, friendly, bubbly, polite, likes swimming, football, walking, holidays, pubs, seeks male to share interests with. Eitham. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372995
KATHY attractive single mum 25, slim, dark hair/eyes, tend up with being alone, looking older male for mutual TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372661

EM attractive lady, mild mannered, nice nature, looking for happy times and loving future with appreciative man. Call me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372659
ACTIVE solvent female with GSOH looking to start life again but this time be a lot more adventurous, care to join me? Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370181
CONFIDENT fun female bored of spending time alone, looking for fun man to share lots of laughs and good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370177
LADY 56, semi disabled, size 18, seeking a caring, loving, honest gent, 50 plus. Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365453
48YR old female, 5ft 5ins, medium build, likes animals, nights in/out, holidays, coast, seeks male, 48-50, preferably a smoker for LTR. Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365955
ATTRACTIVE petite oriental female with no less WLTm nice respectable man for a loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371577
CONFIDENT and cultured lady, young 39, very attractive, slim and fit seeks mature male, 45-65yrs for winning, dining and more. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371575
36YR old professional, blue eyes, blonde, smiley, OHAC WLTm special guy for nights in with lots of cuddles and love. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371549
LYNNE slim, scatty blonde, mid 50's, looking for some fun and company. Margate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366428
CAREING female, 64, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5ft 4ins, medium build, seeks male, 60-70 for friendship, maybe more. Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369593
SUSIE 5ft 11ins, blonde, seeks educated attractive male for loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365476
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FOLKESTONE lady, 57, 5ft 11ins, hazel eyes, medium build, likes walks, good food, seeks caring, affectionate male, large build to share life with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371399
BRIGHT bubbly chatty brunette with lots to offer to the right person looking for new love who will appreciate a real woman. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371579
NAUGHTY but nice female, tall, blonde, blue eyes, seeks elderly male, 75-85 for friendship and good fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372311
BUBBLY reliable woman, lots to give, 5ft 6ins, seeks tall professional male with lots of TLC for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372303
30'S female, easy-going, laidback, animal friendly, looking for that special person to share things with, any age/looks. Hope you call. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372233
DEBS petite brunette, 38yrs, well travelled, loves food and good wine, WLTm affectionate male for nice times. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372215
YOUNG looking petite female prepared to try anything once, looking for similar open-minded tattle guy for fun loving times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372217
TALL slim auburn haired sincere female, 37, looking for genuine fun relationship with open-minded male, 40-65yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372055
34YR old single mum of 2, size 16, caring, cuddly, seeks genuine, loving male with GSOH. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366268
FED up with lonely nights, 33yr old brunet with green eyes WLTm someone 35-50yrs for TLC maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366913
BEAUTIFUL blue eyed blonde, 26, slim, looking for evenings out with male. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368911
22YR old leggy blonde, seeking likeminded man for lots of fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368909
SLIM attractive, elegant female, likes travel, restaurants, cinema, seeks caring, male, 45-55 for friendship, possible relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361571
PAT 70's, fit, cuddly, seeks male for friendship and days out. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366521
JACKIE 48, 5ft 11ins, medium build, likes animals, nights in/out, walks, seeks male, 48-58 for friendship, maybe more, preferably a smoker. Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366303
BEAUTIFUL size 10 figured female, brown hair, big brown eyes 41yrs looking for relaxed relationship with man, 20-38yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370091
ATTRACTIVE slim professional 35yrs seeking similar lonely professional for drinks/meals out and mutual friendship out of hours. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370089
WARM well educated 60's female, seeks similar gent to enjoy the simple things of life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366047
ELIZABETH loving, kind, caring, seeks older gent, 78 plus for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366603
VERY cute, slim, black professional female, 36, looking for love! I/you are honest, passionate, caring and spontaneous, ring me. Any race. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366725
GREEN eyed blonde in need of love and attention seeks youthful, trendy experienced guy to enjoy good times. Any age/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366723
ATTRACTIVE young hearted female, fed up with being alone, so if you feel the same, give me a call, lets get together. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366721
TALL blue eyed 30's female, brown hair, lots of interests, seeks male for good times. Any age/looks/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366705

ATTRACTIVE lady, seeks kind, solvent male for romance and possibly love. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360159
LOOKING for my soul mate, 57, lonely, caring, affectionate, likes a drink in good company, 5ft 11ins, hazel eyes, seeks someone to share life with. Is that you? Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365172
LADY 50, single, enjoys nights in/out, cinema, travel, country walks, seeks sincere, genuine male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367851
BUBBLY reliable woman, lots to give, 5ft 6ins, seeks tall professional male with lots of TLC for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367799
60YR old something female looking for friendship only with likeminded ladies for meals out, nights out and holidays. Feltham. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367625
SALLY petite, confident lady happy to go, likes dancing, walks, TV, seeks male/soul mate for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368407
YOUNG very fit brunette 23yrs, likes to look good, seeks similar sporty guy for some relaxed fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368405
PETITE female, slim, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, romantic, likes sports, nights out, meals, seeks honest, genuine, N/S male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364513
WANTED, Nice sincere man, 45-55 looking for LTR with kind, sincere female, dark hair, 5ft 8ins, likes windmilling, puns. Welling. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369417
BEAUTIFUL stunning young female, 21, seeks older, retired gent 70 plus to take care of her. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368187
ATTRACTIVE slim blonde who enjoys the simple life seeks understanding older male for fun casual relationship/friendship initially. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371547
SICK of always being so seriously loved, looking for uncomplicated fun times with happy outgoing male. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371545
LISTEN up! Attractive female, WLTm male into music, films, sport and theatre. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367971
CONFIDENT blue eyed brunette, intelligent, cultured and attractive, very solvent, looking for happy older male who will let me look after him. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368401
30YR old beautiful blonde with lovely green eyes looking for uncomplicated love and romance with a tall dark haired male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368003
ATTRACTIVE slim 52yr old female, N/S companion, 52-60 to share countryside, walking, swimming, days out, holidays etc. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369179
COUNTRY loving lass seeks country folk for pleasant weekends down on the farm. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370121
WELL grounded 25yr old attractive female, seeks similar male up to 40yrs for mutual friendship and meals. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370117
FEMALE 27, seeks older gent, 65 plus to take care of me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362207
PATRICIA outgoing, confident, feminine, warm, friendly, smart, good company, attractive, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372415
FEMININE lady who knows how to treat her man seeks strong minded male to care for, any area London/Surrey/Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365985
FIT lady, 65, thinks she's 40, N/S, loves life, seeks genuine gent, 60-70 N/S for happy loving, exciting times. Gravesend. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363111
SINGLE mum, 39, likes most things, seeks male with GSOH for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349999

OLD fashioned girl, 49, fun, friendly, seeks mature male for fun, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382192
GORGEOUS lonely lass, 45, looking for some romantic liaisons with younger male, looks important, no chances. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364415
MARY 60, good for age, GSOH, likes cooking, meals out, looking for some fun company, possible romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364357
57YR old lady, works, divorced, likes beach, meals out, theatre, travel, weekends away, seeks white male, 56-61 with GSOH for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359868
YOUNG 54yr old female, slim, 5ft 11ins, seeks honest, caring guy for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362669
30YR old brunette fit, feminine, attractive, free, single and looking for love with similar fun loving guy. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365075
36YR old female looking for mutual companionship with understanding man stuck in a similar out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364331
TANYA 35, Canterbury, brown hair/eyes, no ties, likes nights in/out, cuddles, TLC, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382220
SUE 54, tactile, loving, fun, seeks genuine, loving guy to share good times. Thanet. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373321
VALERIE fun loving, late 60's, widow, slim, blonde, N/S, GSOH, likes walks, meals out, looking for similar male for relationship. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373205
LORNA 65, loving, 5ft 4ins, seeks similar gent, 60-70, Hythe. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387162
LUCY bubbly attractive 32yr old blonde seeking similar naughty boy to share the good side of life with. Age/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373016
CLAIRE gorgeous fun loving brunette, 29, 5ft 4ins, employed, OHAC, looking for man, male, 45-55 for fun, no strings good times and fine wine. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373107
26YR old Indian princess looking for discreet older N/S professional male to make life a bit more interesting and share mutual companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373089
Hi I'm Louise, an easygoing sensual slim blonde looking for someone to have fun with initially maybe more later. Call me. Any age/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373009
DEREK looking for Loma who left her for contact number. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373205
DANIEL 60, good looking, medium built, clean shaven, seeks broadminded female for discreet fun. Sandwich. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387170
SEAN tall good looking gent, seeking nice lady in the Kent area for days out and romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373139
PATRICK 62, likes walks, cooking, gardening, restaurants, music, seeks N/S partner, 45-60 for new life together. Medway. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373129
NICK 35yr old white male, 6ft 4ins, muscular, looking for white female, large but curvy. Kent area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373071
DAVID confident, tall, fun loving Canterbury guy, likes travel, outdoors, reading, seeks female, 35-45 for friendship and good times. Canterbury. Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373041
62YR old male, no Tom Cruise, active, likes fun, trying to get life back together after wife died in 2002. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372979
MALE Guardian reader? Any, vivacious female, 61, happy in own skin, seeks N/S sociable, warm, loving man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360655
SUZANNE 35, beautiful blonde, seeks male for chats and a relaxing glass of wine any time. ACA, status unimportant. City area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342527

GENUINE loving female, 40, seeks loving male, 40-50 for friendship and LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 345487
LADY seeks N/S, clean shaven male to appreciate artistic, romantic, feisty, attractive, slimish, curvy lady of 69 who has not yet joined the wrinkles. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349572
ISABELLE lovely lady, genuine, honest, loving, caring, 68, N/S, non drinker, slightly disabled, WLTm male for love, companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347305
26YR old small pretty blonde with baby blue eyes, seeks outgoing, fun, spontaneous male for friendship/more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369219
AFFECTIONATE female seeks warm liked kind guy, if he exists, for good conversation, fun times and laughs. 40-67yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369197
SHY brunette 22, perfect size 10, blue eyes, 5ft 11ins, owns car, seeks male to cosy up with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369193
BETH young minded widow, 65, 5ft 11ins, happy size 14, N/S, many interests, seeks sincere, honest gent for friendship who might admit to some aching bones. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344291
CAREING young 62 petite blonde, seeks someone to share doing things with, theatre, dancing and perhaps nights in. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359761
SINGLE 50 plus female, seeks male who likes talks, walks, dining and dancing. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364975
FEMALE 25, professional, likes nights out, socialising, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360961
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KEVIN tall, athletic, good looking guy, 58, fashion conscious, seeks adventurous, well presented lady for friendship, maybe more. Any age. Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373331
IAN loving 48yr old, medium build, blue eyes, brown hair, 5ft 11ins, GSOH, easy going, likes music, walks, pubs, animals, seeks similar slim-medium built female, 30-48 for LTR. Hastings. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373307
IAN'S 1, likes pool, cinema, walking, seeks nice female for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387180
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A rare diamond, bright, sparkly and good quality, let me put the sparkle back into your life. Wanted professional, attractive male, 38-58, medium build, 5ft 9ins. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361005
LADY slim, brunette, N/S, likes music, National Trust, theatre, days out, seeks sincere, honest gent, 48-60 for friendship, maybe more. Kent/Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360633
INDEPENDENT 52yr old slim, N/S female, likes country walks, swimming, animals, meals/days out, seeks N/S similar aged male for friendship/companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366099
MISS Gorgeous, 5ft 8ins, black beauty, curvy like a laugh, happy go lucky, seeks male for fun times. Hackney. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365861
TINKERBELL seeks Peter Pan, I'm 36, JACKS, size 8-10 and am looking for a tall strong man who can connect and make me laugh. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369721
ATTRACTIVE warm, blonde female, European, 49, seeks honest, generous male, 50 plus who will take care of me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364277
37YR old male, 6ft 7ins, blue eyes, dark hair, GSOH, seeks female. Thanet. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368969
RON retired, active, feels 40, seeks white lady for friendship, maybe more. Medway area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368945
PROFESSIONAL male, 62, generous, fun loving, seeks non assertive lady for special relationship. Farnham. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 36191
DAVID 58, its Spring and I am looking for an easygoing lady for a LTR. East Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367157
PAUL 56, decorator, 5ft 8ins, cropped hair, attractive, genuine, kind, likes theatre, pubs, seeks female, 50-60. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366635
ADVENTUROUS attractive young man, 30's, great personality, seeks mature female to share happy loving moments, laughter and amazing spiritual summer. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367973
LEWIS 40, seeks nice lady for friendship, maybe more. Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367713
DAVE own hair/teeth, own carbusness, likes holidays, golf, gym, meals out, theatre, seeks honest, genuine, slim female with GSOH for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367559
SLIM easygoing, friendly male, 50, likes kisses and cuddles, seeks petite female, any age for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368594
DARREN 39, 6ft 3ins, medium build, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368807
ALAN seeks young lady to love who I am in a LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372033
PAUL 48, 5ft 8ins, GSOH, likes music, cinema, seeks female for fun, friendship, LTR. Tunbridge Wells. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371985
LATE 60's male, honest, kind, 5ft 8ins, many interests, seeks loving lady for LTR. Ramsgate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371919

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DAVID 43, 5ft 8ins, good looking, fit, seeking local man for fun. West Malling. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372319
AD 35, good looking, slim, seeks male for fun times, good looking, fun, Gillingham. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372189
TALL blond, non scene gay punk, 28, seeks older, solvent gent 75 plus for friendship/relationship. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368141
ANDREW 35, likes nights out, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366661

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WALK

Grove Ferry

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The Grove Ferry Inn and the neighbouring picnic site provide an idyllic hidden haven for the start and finish of this lovely circular route, just perfect for a summer afternoon walk



LEAVING the car park at the Grove Ferry Inn, the route strikes off along the picturesque banks of the Great Stour, a home for many river boats and pleasure craft offering trips.

Leaving the Great Stour and heading towards the Little Stour you may notice the abundance of hawthorn and cow parsley. In springtime the nearby orchards are awash with colourful blossom. Lavender was once grown commercially in the area and its oil also distilled here.

Wildlife, particularly birds, flourish in this area thanks to the nearby Stodmarsh National Nature Reserve, which boasts more than 240 acres of wetland and reedbeds. So listen out for birdsong as you walk along the picturesque pathways – you never know what you might hear.

Grove Ferry is known locally for growing fruit and vegetables. The area is criss-crossed by drainage ditches and dykes that encase small villages and farmhouses. The tracks across this marshland are very popular with people enjoying the beautiful open landscape with its uninterrupted open vistas across fields.

The two villages you will meet as you continue along this route – East Stourmouth and West Stourmouth – are typical examples of the many small, attractive settlements in the area.

They retain a traditional rural atmosphere even though they are only a few miles from the bustling historic city of Canterbury.

If you have time, why not take a look at All Saints' Church in West Stourmouth before returning to the route back to Grove Ferry. The church, which can claim Saxon origins, has a 17th-century pulpit and a fine Royal Arms of George III.

On your return, why not stop a while at the Grove Ferry picnic site, an ideal place to rest if you have come prepared with a picnic or fishing rod? Fishing rights were granted here during the reign of Henry II and are still available today.

If you would prefer for lunch to be laid on for you, the Grove Ferry Inn next door is a delight for any weary walker, providing excellent food using fresh, local ingredients.

■ **Location:** Grove Ferry, CT3 4BP.

■ **Distance:** 5.9 miles (9.4km), allow two hours and 30 minutes.

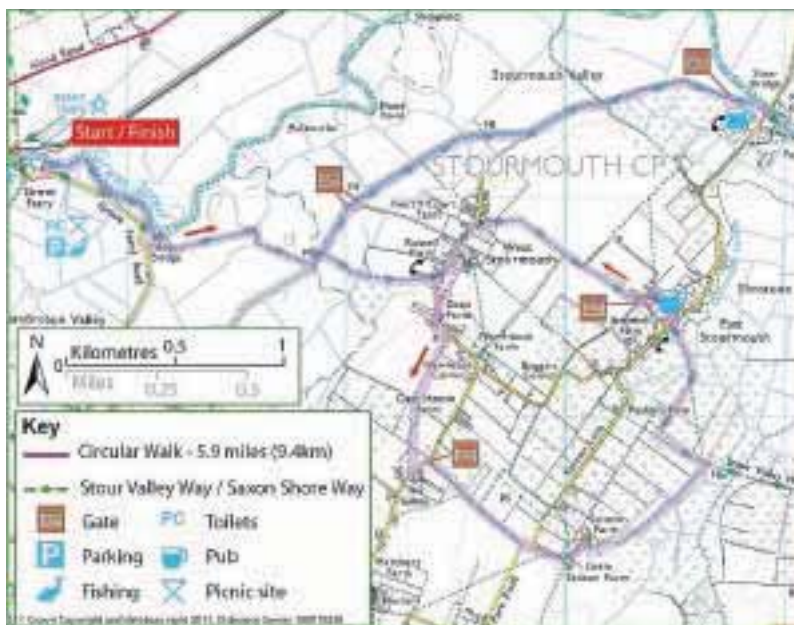
■ **OS Explorer Map:** 150.

■ **Terrain:** Field, orchard paths and some road-way.

■ **Step count:** about 11,800.

■ **Parking:** There is pay-and-display parking at Grove Ferry picnic site.

■ **Refreshments and facilities:** There is the Grove Ferry Inn at the start/finish point and also a pub en-route in East Stourmouth.



WILDLIFE: Birds such as the grey heron flourish in the area and water voles can be seen popping in or out of their holes along the banks of the Stour

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New arrivals It's so simples for meerkats

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VISITORS to Port Lympne wild animal park will have even more meerkats to compare following the birth of three kittens earlier this month. Keepers were delighted when they spotted that Tiggs, the matriarch of the meerkat group, was once again expecting. Tiggs had her first litter of three in April and keepers have welcomed the latest additions to Tiggs's growing band. Head keeper Richard Barnes said: "I am delighted that Tiggs is such a good mum. I hand-reared her when she was a kitten due to an illness – she recovered well and has given birth to two healthy litters." Port Lympne Passport-holders will be able to revisit the park as often as they wish during the year.



Falconry day Marvel at the birds of prey

Kent Life, Maidstone
 Monday, August 29
 01622 763936
www.kentlife.org.uk

MEET the visiting birds of prey, including a barn owl, eagle owl, griffon vulture, bald eagle and peregrine. Falconry displays will showcase the keen sense of vision and expert hunting skills of these fascinating predatory creatures. Kent Life offers visitors a history of the people who lived and worked in the Garden of England over the past 150 years. Step back in time and experience Kent's rural life and traditional buildings which have been rebuilt onsite. Kent Life members receive a 20 per cent discount for entry to the park, on Lock Lane. The event runs from 10am-6pm. Entry is £8.95 for adults and £6.50 for children (aged four to 15). A family ticket costs £25.95.

The Canterbury Tales... in full Open-air show

Mount Ephraim, Faversham
 Sunday and Monday, Aug 28-29
 01227 751496
www.thepantaloon.co.uk

THE Pantaloon open-air theatre company is touring the country this summer with its ambitious and complete version of Geoffrey Chaucer's The Canterbury Tales. The travellers have decided

to stop at Mount Ephraim Gardens near Faversham after the rip-roaring success of last year's Much Ado About Nothing. In what may be a theatrical first, The Pantaloon, who formed at the University of Kent, are performing every single one of the 23 completed Canterbury Tales. That's no mean feat considering the play features a cast of just six actors playing more than 70 characters. The Pantaloon are not making it easy for themselves as each story will be performed in a different theatrical

style. Audiences can expect pantomime, puppetry, masks, musicals, mime, farce, reality television, horror and opera. Complete with medieval market beforehand, the audience can interact with the characters and even have a kiss from the Wife of Bath. The play follows a group of pilgrims who decide to hold a story-telling contest on the road from Southwark to the shrine of St Thomas Becket in Canterbury. So gather your own group of pilgrims, pack a picnic and come enjoy some midsummer medieval madness on an epic scale.

Oldtimer Rally Motor show on the front

The Leas, Folkestone
 Monday, August 29
www.oldtimer.uk.com
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THE Oldtimer Rally on The Leas, Folkestone, is a free annual classic-car festival on August Bank Holiday which attracts more than 300 entrants, including a Continental contingent. Car rallies have been held on The Leas since 1896 and the show certainly has some history behind it. In 1933 the first one-marque car rally ever was held here, and in 1964 there were more Rolls-Royces per head of population in Folkestone than any other town in the world, so during the 70s the rally became established as the Rolls-Royce Parade. In the 80s and 90s it became part of the local authority-sponsored Shepway Airshow before being transformed into the Oldtimer, a modern term for a classic car. With a backdrop of majestic Victorian and Edwardian buildings and views across the English Channel, motor fans should be in for a treat, but should it rain, the Grand's Palm Court glazed terrace overlooking the rally site couldn't be a finer retreat.



Record effort The nine-day broadcast?

Canterbury Hospital Radio
 August 27-September 4
 01227 864161
www.canterburyhr.org.uk

DJ Mark Mulvihill will be making an attempt to break the world record for a continuous broadcast at Canterbury Hospital Radio (CHR) this month. The nine-day marathon is taking place to raise funds for the station, which entertains patients while they are in

hospital. He will be supported by station colleagues. The strict rules mean he is only allowed a five-minute break from the microphone each hour, although he is able to combine the time so he can have longer periods of sleep. You can learn more about the record attempt by watching Yourkenttv, while Mulvihill's hospital broadcast is on 945AM. He is looking for people to join him and his guests during the attempt. The studio is opposite the Thomas Becket Dialysis Unit at the hospital. To sponsor the DJ and find out how you can get involved, email djmarkym81@yahoo.co.uk.



HOMES



We're all used to seeing TV footage of show gardens that look perfect for a week, but what if the garden is allowed to stay and grow? Now's the chance to see the show for yourself.

In May, Room To Improve featured the amazing show gardens of Jacksons – now, three months on, we can see how they are maturing and have a more in-depth look at some of the products that have been put to good use in the displays.

The seven gardens were the result of a competition aimed at garden designers, run over two years by Kent company Jacksons Fencing.

It challenged them to create a sustainable and environmentally-friendly garden on an original theme, incorporating the company's products and those of its partners to reflect the high quality for which the company is known.

The prize was to have the design applied to displays that would not look out of place at any of the big garden shows.

The difference is, Chelsea and Hampton may be over by now, but Jacksons show gardens are still open to the public – not just for a week, like many garden shows – but all year round, allowing visitors who have never had the chance before ample opportunity to see a show garden and get inspiration for their own project.

■ Ultra-modern perspex doesn't hide the glory.



Garden design

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■ Justine Jobson's Fragrant Front Garden demonstrates conventional elegance. Opposite, from top, is Heather Appleton's The Float Garden and Mary Ann Le May's Paradise Garden. Every one's a winner!

With seven show gardens to see, there's something to suit different tastes, as can be seen by the ultra-modern Jacksons prototype perspex fencing surrounding the Paradise Garden, by Mary Ann Le May.

This cool and fresh approach to creating a barrier around a garden may not be to everyone's taste, but it suits totally the quirky, modish style of the garden. The effect of being able to see the planting in its full colourful glory through the transparent panels is stunning.

■ Traditional railing elegance.

Maybe your tastes lean towards the more conventional? Then Justine Jobson's Fragrant Front Garden could be just up your street.

Justine was one of only two designers out of the hundreds entering the competition who thought to create a front garden, putting the new Jacksons range of garden railings and gates to ingenious use. They are the perfect perimeter and are what every well-dressed front garden would be happy to wear.

Designed from steel, galvanised and polyester powder coated black to match the front door, planters, trellis and other accessories in the garden, the overall effect is a combination of traditional elegance with an up-to-date twist.

It is worth noting if you are a fan of the Float Garden, featuring the Zone structure, that these are still discounted by 50 per cent in the Jack-

sons midsummer offer until the end of August.

There will be a chance to see all seven gardens and seven designers on the same day – and enjoy much more besides – at this year's Meet The Designers day on Saturday, September 17.

The event will be worth visiting, with conservation and countryside-themed exhibits, refreshments, competitions and more.

Jacksons is planning a farmers' market, a charity bring-and-buy plant sale and exhibits from bee and wildlife fans, as well as the chance to discuss projects and ideas with the designers of all seven show gardens.

One who is sure to be in demand is Heather Appleton, who created The Float Garden for

Jacksons and went one better this year by scooping a gold medal from the Royal Horticultural Society at this year's Hampton Court show.

The gold medal for the Kipling Garden, one of the poet-themed gardens at the event, followed Heather's silver-medal success at the Chelsea Flower Show.

The Meet The Designers event will also feature a competition offering the chance to have a garden designed by one of the seven Jacksons show-garden designers, including £500 of Jacksons products.

■ For more information on the offer, the gardens or the brochures, visit jacksonsfencing.co.uk or phone 01233 750393.

HOMES

Londoners will pour out to Sheppey housing estates

IMPROVED transport links and investment in north Kent have made living on the Isle of Sheppey an attractive option for those looking to move out of London.

Shurland Place in the Thistle Hill area of Minster is a new development by Jones Homes Southern.

The homes are traditional-style two-, three-, four- and five-bedroom detached, link-detached and mews houses

One on offer as the developer's Home Of The Month is priced at £265,000.

It is a four-bedroom, link-detached Norwood house with a well-proportioned lounge with a feature bay window and double doors which open on to a dining room. The dining room, in turn, opens to the rear garden.

The contemporary kitchen, overlooking the garden, comes complete with a range of kitchen appliances, and the utility area, at the rear of the garage, may be accessed from the kitchen.

As Home Of The Month, the price includes floor coverings throughout.

A company spokesman said: "Not only does Shurland Place provide a wide range of house types, it's also one of the only developments in the area with on-plot parking and good-sized gardens.



NEW DEVELOPMENT: Shurland Place in the Thistle Hill area, near Minster on Sheppey

"The development is ideally placed for those who enjoy the outdoors; the long beach at The Leas is popular with local people and visitors alike.

"Part of the beach is reserved for bathing, while other parts are used by wind-

surfers and fishermen. With good connections to the M2 and M20 and a range of homes at affordable prices, it isn't surprising that people working in Sittingbourne and south London are choosing to move to Sheppey."

Second-homes peril

WITH the number of people owning second homes in the UK rising, issues are being raised about the unexpected risks they face, writes Victoria Adley.

Statistics from the English Housing Survey: Household Report 2009-10 show that there are 279,000 second homes in England.

Furthermore, the increasing popularity of 'staycations', in which holidaymakers are choosing to remain in the UK, will only add to this appeal.

Jonathan Smithers, from Tonbridge Wells solicitors CooperBurnett said: "It is essential that anyone owning a second home contacts a Conveyance Quality Scheme [CQS]-accredited solicitor to look at the potential risks and benefits of buying."

Second homes are often unoccupied for long periods, complicated to insure, subject to legal anomalies, and vulnerable to burglars or squatters, according to the company.

Experts say that anyone choosing to allow friends or family to stay in the property could be changing its status



RISKS: Jonathan Smithers says weigh up the pros and cons when looking to buy a second home

to a holiday home without realising it. If the home-owner receives rent, there are further legal implications to consider.

Mr Smithers said: "During off-seasons, second-home-owners might look to rent out the property for long periods of time and suddenly you have a landlord-and-tenant relationship which carries with it a host of additional obligations and liabilities."

He said it was crucial that prospective buyers were aware of the minefield of legal, financial and security issues before they finalised their decision.

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Visit Valley Park for end of summer savings

For a limited period the price of a spacious four bedroom house at Valley Park, the stunning development of New England style homes on the outskirts of Rye, has been reduced by a whopping £30,000.

Valley Park is proving to be so much more than just a place to live. It offers home buyers one of the first opportunities to purchase a character property built to the latest eco standards in Rye.

Overlooking an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Valley Park is just half a mile from Rye station with its links to London St Pancras in around an hour and major coastal East Sussex towns. All Valley Park homes are built to an extremely high specification and the four bedroom Arlington, with its attached garage, is no exception.

A broad fronted end of terrace house, the front door leads into an entrance hall which has a cloakroom, living/dining room, kitchen and the stairs leading off it. The spacious living/dining room, which has an airy, contemporary feel accentuated by the continuous flooring, overlooks the private rear garden and leads directly into the kitchen.

Upstairs there are four good-sized bedrooms off the main landing, plus airing cupboard and the main bathroom. Three of the bedrooms have fitted wardrobes and both the master bedroom and guest bedroom have en-suites.

A major feature of the homes at Valley Park is the attention to detail that has been paid to providing high specification fixtures and fittings. The Arlington has:

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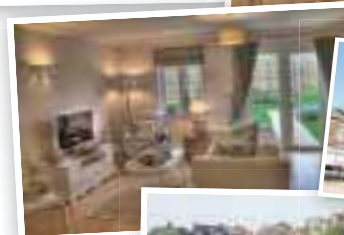
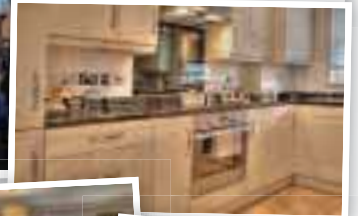
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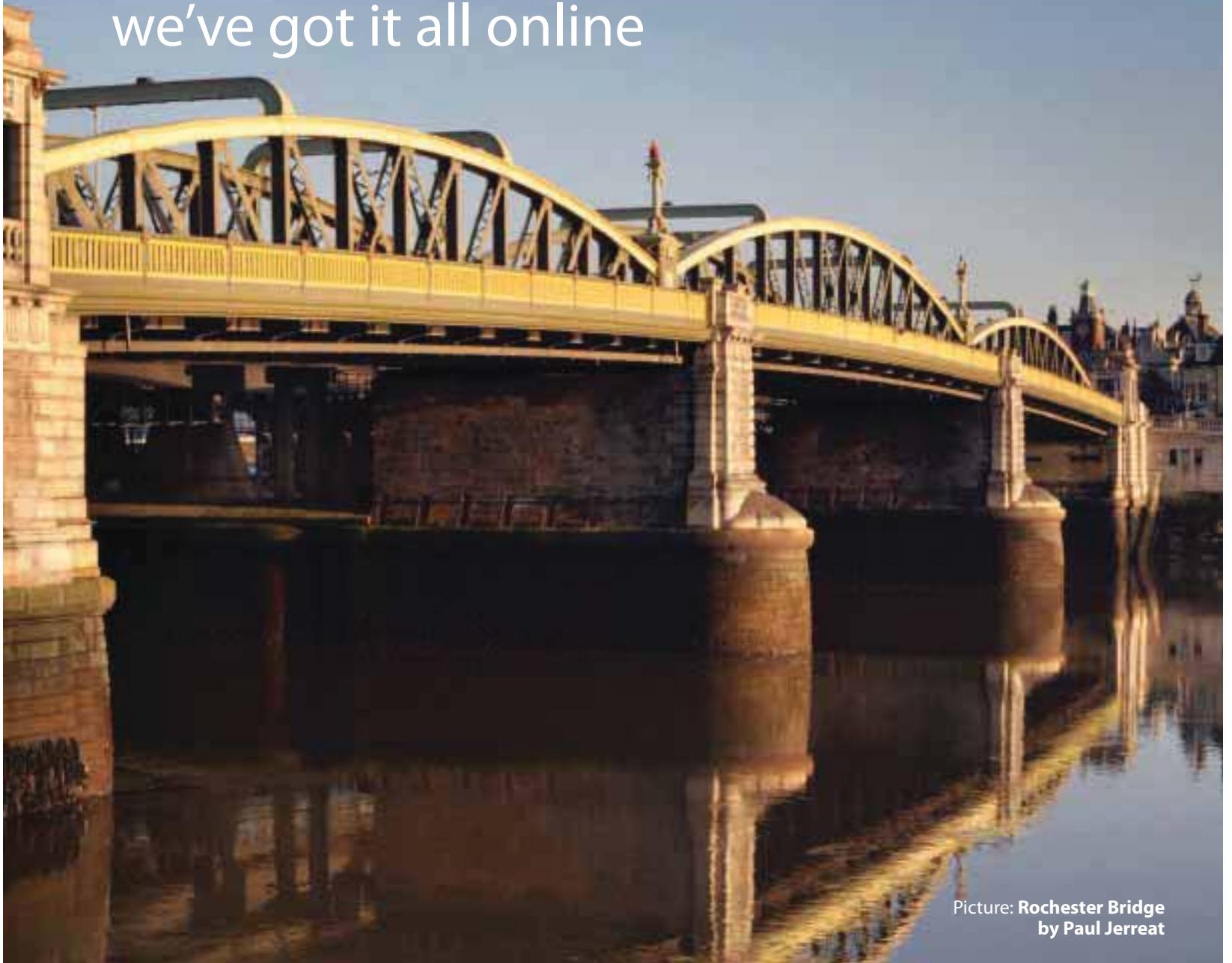
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Sharan shows her class

By Sam Davison

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VOLKSWAGEN'S original Sharan remained in production for 15 years.

It shows that good design and function can overcome a terrible name – in this case, one that conjured up the archetypal disco queen dancing around her handbag in her 'Sharon shoes' aka white stilettos.

The Sharan had several other names though; with slight changes, it also appeared as the Ford Galaxy and Seat Alhambra.

This trio kick-started the people carrier or MPV movement, by showing that a high-riding seven-seat car did not have to look and handle like a van.

Ford has since gone its own way with the next-generation Galaxy and sporty S-Max, while VW and sister brand Seat have launched the Mk II Sharan and Alhambra, which show just how far MPV design has advanced in those 15 years.

Of course, if want to carry seven people, you can't get away from bulk, but the new Sharan looks lower and sleeker even if it is actually slightly bigger all round.

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The new Sharan is full of quality fixtures and fittings and now benefits from VW's BlueMotion technology

class – 149g/km puts this version in road tax Band E (£130/year).

BlueMotion kit here includes stop-start, which cuts the engine and then automatically restarts it in congested traffic. The battery is largely regenerated by recovering energy otherwise lost through braking.

Such miserliness is all the more welcome for family buyers of the Sharan as this is not a cheap car – prices start at £23,485 – and you could easily be tempted to make group outings even more comfortable by trading up to our luxury SEL spec test car.

This comes with a double-length sunroof, which makes the glassy cabin even more light and airy – it costs £960.

However, you will pay extra (£390) for what looked like a pair of ejector seats – the outer ones in the second row. These turned out to be integrated child seats, which double as perfectly comfortable seats for adults when not in use.

They epitomise the thought that has gone into living with this new Sharan; if you do need a big family motor and dread the 'are we there yet?' moment – usually just a few miles into a long journey – then the Sharan could postpone that chilling sound.

The quality of the fixtures and fittings, and stowage features is excellent and the five rearmost seats are easily accessible via the two rear sliding doors – the old car had hinged ones.

Those five seats can also be arranged in various permutations – the three middle ones are completely independent – or even folded flat for 'van mode'. You had to unclip and remove them to get to that stage with the Mk I.

One final word: trade up to the six-speed DSG auto gearbox if you can. It will cost you £1,200 extra but suits this big vehicle perfectly by giving smooth auto changes for town environment, and manual selection when you want to enjoy the Sharan's engaging road manners.

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Three-seater Picanto due

KIA will make the Picanto available as a three-door on September 1, priced from £7,795. It is the first time the Korean baby car has been available in anything but five-door format, but Kia says it gives further options in the expanding city car segment – some 45 per cent of UK buyers in that part of the market go for three-door cars.



Nissan injects fuel price cut

NISSAN is launching a petrol Micra supermini that thinks it's a diesel. The DIG-S (Direct Injection Gasoline – Super-charged) version goes on sale from September 1 priced from £11,150. Not only does the ultra low emission 1.2-litre engine qualify for road tax exemption, but it can average nearly 70mpg – that's in diesel territory, using a cheaper fuel.



Land Rover's cleaner diesel

LAND Rover's classic Defender go anywhere off-road model – a car that can trace its routes to the original 1948 'Landie' – now has a cleaner mainstay diesel engine. The new 2.2-litre unit not only adheres to stringent EU5 emissions regulations – replacing the bigger EU4 2.4-litre diesel – but also delivers the same power and economy as its predecessor.

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Resilient Volvo negotiating stormy seas

1ST DRIVE

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It only takes a second to realise why Volvo has identified itself with sailing.

No, it's not because it makes a lot of the marine engines that yachts use on calm days.

It's because the Swedish brand – particularly famous for its estate models – delivers exactly what yachties want: ego-free premium products, practicality, durability and, increasingly, some of the greenest cars around.

Plans are now afoot for the marque's premier boating event, the Volvo Ocean Race 2011-12, again reinforcing appeal to the sailing set.

It's not been all plain sailing for Volvo of late though: there was a stop-go sale by former owner Ford that finally happened in March last year.

The US car giant did a good job bringing in efficiencies and new platforms and was clearly most reluctant to sell Volvo – the last foreign acquisition to go out of Ford's former Premier Automotive Group (1999-2008) – but a need for cash and restructuring forced its hand.

Volvo has the spinnaker up now though, with new owner and Chinese car group Geely on board.



FRESH LOOK: Volvo's stylish C30, left, and rakish V60 estate are not only easy on the eye but practical, durable and among the greenest cars on the road

Tangible proof is a major refresh and upgrade affecting all models including the recently-launched and impressive all-new S60/V60 compact executive range – a serious rival now to the Audi A4, BMW 3 Series and Mercedes-Benz C-Class.

The key move is the revamping of Volvo's long-running but highly flexible D5 turbodiesel. It remains smooth and willing, but the Swedes have not only made it greener to comply with the stringent Euro5 emissions legislation, but also boosted output by 10bhp to 215bhp and somehow cut fuel consumption by eight per cent.

Already seen in the firm's S80 luxury flagship, it is now also available in the S60 and its V60 estate sister, the big V70 estate and its

all-wheel drive XC70 sister, and the XC60 and XC70 SUVs.

All six-speed manual versions get start/stop, which switches off the engine when the car is stationary. The engine fires up immediately when the driver presses the clutch. All variants are also available with a six-speed auto though.

Customers buying most D5 Volvos can now also get a £645 performance upgrade via the marque's motorsport partner Polestar.

The other impressive aspect about this new look line-up is how Volvo is motoring on with its DRIVE eco-friendly packages. It really does allow you to drive a premium car that is more environmentally sensitive, but without major compromises in the driving experience.

The C30 DRIVE deserves special mention, even though this smart coupe/hatchback range with retro hinged glass tailgate has not sold in the numbers expected – a point admitted even by Volvo.

Along with the V50 estate, this car is now available with a lively 115PS (113bhp) 1.6 turbodiesel with start/stop as standard and a road tax and congestion charge-exempt 99g/km of CO₂ emissions. There can't be many better ways to enjoy a premium drive, be eco, and save on tax.

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CRICKET ROUND-UP

SEVENOAKS Vine face a make-or-break game in their quest for the Kent League Premier Division title this weekend as they travel to leaders Hartley Country Club.

With three games remaining, the Vine are 18 points off top spot and know only a win will keep them in with a realistic hope of pipping Hartley to top spot. Last Saturday, Sevenoaks won by six wickets away to Bickley Park.

In Division Three, Linden Park's title tussle with Bromley Common pits them against Old Colfeians this weekend. The Tunbridge Wells side hold a four-point advantage at the top after leaving Sidcup with a winning draw on Saturday.

Cowdrey are still in pole position to claim promotion from Division Five despite losing to Wickham Park by three wickets last weekend. The Tonbridge side host third-placed Nonington on Saturday.

Still bottom of Division Two with three games to play, Holmesdale are away to Dartford this weekend, while Tenterden welcome Folkestone to Morphew Park in Division One.

CRICKET

No more second chances for Wells with relegation trap-door looming

By Steve Tervet

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TUNBRIDGE Wells find themselves embroiled in a relegation fight for the second season running after suffering a demoralising home defeat to fellow strugglers The Mote last weekend.

Evert Bekker, the Wells skipper, admitted his side were "devastated" after losing to the Maidstone side by 113 runs in the Kent League Premier Division. The result leaves Tunbridge Wells still 17 points ahead of the relegation zone with three games to play, but battling against a desperate run of form which has seen them win only once in seven league outings.

The Mote arrived at the Nevill bottom of the table but their captain, Tom Harvey, hit 150 not out to boost them to a healthy 277 for 5. In reply, the Wells collapsed to 164 all out, with Kent's Matt Coles picking up 5 for 31 for the visitors.

"We were devastated, to be honest," Bekker said. "We spoke about how important the game was within the context of our season, so to not perform was very disappointing. Whenever one player is scoring like that, it can take the game away from you. He's scored two hundreds against us now so he obviously likes our attack. He's a good quality player and the top run-scorer in the league.

"We've got three games left, so we have to put that behind us and make sure we perform to the best of our ability in the last three games.

"We've got to show a bit of character and a bit of fight and show we belong here [in the Premier Division]. It was just one of those days when things didn't go our way, they didn't click, but we've spoken about it and we're very keen to put it right this weekend."



Picture: NICK DUNGAN

STICKY WICKET:

Tunbridge Wells are closer to the drop after defeat to The Mote

The Wells' fragile batting display could not have contrasted more with their early-season form, when they thrived on tricky run-chases. One such game saw Bekker's side set a new Kent League record when they successfully chased down 313 to overcome Lordwood, leaving the skipper to question exactly what had changed over the course of the campaign.

He said: "I think perhaps it's just a shift in our mentality, a shift in our approach to the game. We've gone away from doing the basic things, the things that stood us in good stead and brought us good results.

"We've talked about playing with patience, both in our batting and bowling, but we haven't

been able to do that. Now we've put pressure on ourselves so it's time for everyone to grab the game by the scruff of the neck.

"For us, it's very simple. We've got three games left and we've got to try to win every game. If we win every game, we'll be fine, but it's up to us to perform. That's something we haven't done and we're desperate to put that right."

The first opportunity for the Wells to make amends comes on Saturday, when they host Bickley Park. The visitors are only five points above them, and Bekker expects to make several changes to his side for the clash.

After Saturday, the Wells must negotiate games against Blackheath and Sevenoaks Vine.

RUGBY

Early season kick-off for Sevenoaks with coach set to give cup respect

Competitive rugby has arrived earlier than normal for Sevenoaks this summer as Danny Vaughan prepares his side for a Kent Cup tie at Medway on Saturday.

Vaughan, appointed head coach at Knole Paddock in June, will be taking charge of his first game since leaving Canterbury and admits he is still familiarising himself with the Oaks players at his disposal.

However, Vaughan shrugged off the suggestion he will use the cup tie simply as a warm-up game, stressing how much value he placed on the competition and the benefit a lengthy cup run could have for his new club.

"I respect the Kent Cup, it's a good competition, especially for a junior club like Sevenoaks," he said. "If you do well it's good for the team, good for the morale of the club, so we'll be trying our best to win it.

"It's a tie I think we should win. I'm not saying we're guaranteed to win it because Medway finished

mid-table in the league below us, so we can't take it for granted. I'm sure they'll be in the same situation as us, with some of their lads being away, but I think it's a game we should win."

While Vaughan would ideally have gone into his first competitive game at the club with greater preparation behind him, he insists Oaks will be ready for the challenge. With the assistance of club captain George Roffey, he believes the side he picks will be good enough to secure a place in the second round of the competition, where a trip to face Maidstone awaits the winners.

"It's a 19-man squad on Saturday so I'll be playing the first-team from last year plus some of the university lads that are not back at uni yet. If they're willing to come back from uni, it'll be nice to see them play, although I will have to lean quite heavily on the skipper, George Roffey.

"At this level of rugby, it is quite an early start. The National



READY: Danny Vaughan takes Sevenoaks to Medway in the Kent Cup

League boys start next week, but we don't start for another two weeks. We've got two warm-up games after that but from this Saturday, it's the start of the season for me."

Following the Medway clash, Vaughan's focus will turn to the first game of the new league season on September 10. Sevenoaks' latest bid to secure promotion from London 2 South East begins with a trip to Aylesford Bulls.

RUGBY

Full-strength TJs all set for pre-season tour up north

TONBRIDGE Juddians welcome back the bulk of their squad this weekend as they continue pre-season with a trip north to face Scunthorpe.

An under-strength TJs side competed bravely for 50 minutes against Blackheath last Saturday before the National 1 hosts romped away to a 49-3 victory at Well Hall.

TJs head coach Pete Dankert was without 11 of his senior players for the clash and insisted there were few conclusions to draw from a game which saw him throw in a number of his youngsters at the deep end.

He said: "For 50 minutes we were competitive and we probably had the lion's share of possession and territory. The scoreline means nothing.

"We brought on guys who were 18, 19 and 20, who had never played in the first-team. Our aim was to expose them to the speed and physicality and that's what Blackheath were able to give them."

Saturday's opponents Scunthorpe play in National 3 Midlands, the same level as TJs, who welcomed two more new signings to The Slade this week.

Brent Hamlin is back for a second



Picture: NICK DUNGAN

BUILDING: Tonbridge Juddians

spell at the club, while Dankert has also recruited former University of Queensland fly-half Daniel Rothnie. The TJs puzzle will be complete when ex-Westcombe Park centre Tyron Child completes his move to west Kent.

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TOURING CARS

Motorbase vow to shrug off the mind games in BTCC title race

By Steve Tervet

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LIFE at the top of the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) has brought its own set of pressures for Motorbase Performance but the Wrotham team insist they are equipped to ride out the storm and lift their first title.

The Ford Focus of Mat Jackson leads the drivers' standings for Motorbase, competing as Airwaves Racing in the BTCC. In his bid to stay there, Jackson must stave off the attentions of champion Jason Plato and Honda Racing team-mates Matt Neal and Gordon Shedden, all driving for manufacturer-backed teams.

As a privateer team, Motorbase's success to this point has ruffled feathers at rival teams, but Oly Collins, the Airwaves Racing manager, promised they would not be swayed by the off-track chatter.

He said: "Despite the fact we're at the top, we are regarded as the underdog among the people who are challenging for it. You've got Matt Neal, Gordon Shedden and [Jason] Plato, running in manufacturer teams with manufacturer budgets. We can't under-



Picture: NICK DUNGAN

LEADING THE WAY:

Mat Jackson celebrates the race win at Snetterton which fired him to the top of the championship

estimate the amount of power they have.

"We find it pretty amusing reading people's comments, but as far as the mind games go, they're out of the window as soon as the race starts. We'll just concentrate on what we're doing because when people concentrate on their competition, it sometimes makes them weaker. You read some com-

ments in the press and apparently we run on a manufacturer-size budget. Well, that's news to everybody in here, including the boss."

Jackson and Airwaves may be hunting BTCC glory but plenty behind the scenes at Motorbase have tasted success with other teams in the past. For Collins, the underdog tag is one he's more than happy to

keep wearing.

"There's slightly less pressure there as the underdog," he said. "If, for any reason, we weren't to win the title, we'd be hugely disappointed, having led, but at the same time, not many people expected us to be here now and they won't expect us to be here in four race meetings' time, so there's a little bit of pressure off."

MOTORSPORT

Langridge claims Fiesta crown after double Snetterton victory

HAWKHURST driver John Langridge wrapped up the Ford Fiesta Championship in Norfolk last weekend with four races of the season still to go.

The 27-year-old, racing cars for the first time in his career, has dominated the series from the beginning and his two race wins on the new Snetterton 300 circuit were enough to clinch the title.

Langridge secured his sixth pole position of the season for Saturday's first race, but failed to get into third gear and dropped back to fourth by the first corner. An aggressive fightback brought him back towards the front of the field by the start of the second lap and when the lead car spun out halfway through the race, he seized his moment and never relinquished the lead after that.

The second race was a more straightforward affair. Starting on pole once again, Langridge had to sit behind the safety car for two laps but once allowed the freedom of the track, he pulled away convincingly.

"I'm obviously very pleased," he said afterwards. "I've totalled 12 class wins this year, 11 outright, and could not have asked for a better start to racing



WINNER: John Langridge has stormed his way to the Ford Fiesta Championship cars.

"I hope to be able to compete in the remaining races in the faster Class C for two-litre Fiesta ST cars. It will be a big challenge, but I've got nothing to lose and it's a good opportunity to try the faster class before deciding what to race next year."

The series heads to Kent circuit Lydden Hill in September.

INDYCAR SERIES



FRUSTRATION: Mike Conway's car hit the wall in Loudon

No joy for Conway as Loudon crash forces early retirement

MIKE Conway's disappointing recent fortunes in the IndyCar Series took another downward twist on Sunday when the Sevenoaks racer crashed out in Loudon.

The 27-year-old started on the sixth row of the grid after qualifying 12th but he failed to complete the first lap. Heading into turn two, the rear of Conway's car got loose and snapped round, sending him across the track and into the inner wall.

The damage sustained

forced him to retire from the race and dropped him down to 17th in the driver standings.

"I was taking it carefully at the start," he said. "There were a lot of people moving around out there and I tried to recover it, but I couldn't. It's really disappointing as the car had been handling quite well in qualifying so we were hopeful of making our way through the field during the race."

The series resumes with the Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma, in California, on August 28.

TOURING CARS

WITH TIM HARVEY



Touring car legend Tim Harvey has teamed up with Archant KOS Media this season to bring you a weekly column as the class of 2011 do battle up and down the country. Harvey, who was brought up in Sevenoaks and schooled in Tonbridge, more recently raced in the Porsche Carrera Cup for Wrotham team Motorbase Performance. He shares his thoughts, as an ITV commentator, on the British Touring Car Championship, and discusses the series' big issues.

'Age no barrier in touring cars'

“TAKE a look at the top of the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) and you'll see that three of the top-10 drivers are now in their forties.

Matt Neal (44), Jason Plato (43) and Rob Collard (42) are all still going strong, which proves that age is not really a boundary in touring cars. The old expression is that you're only as good as your last race and as long as you're performing well, there isn't a big desire to seek younger drivers.

There's no doubt experience counts for an awful lot in the savvy of race-craft and learning how to deal with the specifics of touring car racing.

You've still got to get results and although experience is a huge benefit, you've still got to be able to deliver. Touring cars is quite a slow speed of racing so it doesn't necessarily favour the quick reactions of a younger driver.

People like Plato and Neal are probably at their peak now. They've got all the experience and they're still young enough to not be going downhill. If you look at champions like Fabrizio Giovanardi and Gabriele Tarquini, it illustrates the point. Once you get past 50, though, your reactions probably aren't as good as they used to be.

Undoubtedly there are good drivers coming into the championship but they still need to develop their experience, they still make a lot of mistakes which older, more experienced drivers probably wouldn't. In touring car racing, you're dealing with so many different things, the pushing and shoving, success ballast, reverse grids, things that are particular to touring cars. The guys who come out of Clio's always do very well, the likes of Mat Jackson, Tom Onslow-Cole and now Dave Newsham.

Jackson's leading the championship for Motorbase, the first time either he or the team have topped the standings. He's certainly leading the way for the new generation of touring car drivers coming through to challenge the old order, as well as playing the underdog role superbly for Motorbase against the manufacturer-backed teams.

The crowds for the BTCC meetings have been fantastic around the country this year and in many cases they're surpassing expectations. There is entertainment at every meeting, the appeal is on the rise and the TV figures are getting better so there's no doubt it's still popular.



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TONBRIDGE ANGELS

Picture: DAVE COULDRIDGE

**CONSOLATION:** Frannie Collin nets late on

Sutton dominate to leave no case for the defence

TONBRIDGE ANGELS 1
SUTTON UNITED 4

DEFENSIVE frailties cost Tonbridge Angels dear on Tuesday night as their first home game in Conference South saw rivals Sutton United walk away with a resounding win.

Both clubs were promoted from the Ryman Premier Division last season, but Sutton were superior in every department at Longmead.

After Ben Andrews and Jon Main had gone close for Tonbridge early on, the Us took control with two goals inside five minutes. Harry Beautyman stole in to score on his Sutton debut after Jon Heath's back-pass had left Lee Worgan in no-man's land, before Fola Orlonishie beat the Angels goalkeeper at the second attempt to make it 2-0 on 12 minutes.

The home side could easily have conceded again before Orlonishie doubled his tally from close-range in the second-half. Substitute Frannie Collin pulled a goal back for Tonbridge five minutes from time, but almost immediately Sutton bagged a fourth courtesy of Anthony Riviere.

Angels manager Tommy Warrilow said: "I'm not complaining about the result because Sutton thoroughly deserved the win. We never worked hard enough and I'm just disappointed that we looked a little bit second to everything."

TONBRIDGE ANGELS V EASTLEIGH

By Steve Tervet

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TONBRIDGE Angels start a run of daunting Conference South fixtures on Saturday when they entertain one of the division's few full-time clubs.

Having chosen to adopt professional status this season, Eastleigh should be one of the fittest sides to visit Longmead and Angels boss Tommy Warrilow is aware of the challenge awaiting his side.

The euphoria of Saturday's 4-0 win at Maidenhead United - the club's first ever game in the division - drained away when Sutton United romped to a 4-1 win just three days later and Warrilow expects his players to put on a better display in front of their home crowd at the second time of asking.

He said: "Tuesday was a bit of a downer, but hopefully on Saturday we can give them something to cheer about. If we can get a win on Saturday, six [points] out of nine is not a bad start.

"It just shows what we've gone into [that Eastleigh are full-time]. I think being full-time should affect the fitness side because you've got every day with them. It'll make a massive difference regarding organisational skills."

The enormity of the challenge facing the Angels this season is evident with a quick glance at their fixture list. Before the end of August, Tonbridge face Kent derbies at promotion hopefuls Welling United and Dover



CONTRAST: Tonbridge Angels started the season with a 4-0 win at Maidenhead (left) but came crashing back to earth on Tuesday when they were beaten 4-1 by rivals Sutton United (right)

Athletic, before title favourites Woking arrive at Longmead for a Bank Holiday clash on August 29.

"I am trying to look forward to them, but it's an eye-opener," Warrilow admitted. "Tuesday hurt and that's a side we know. We've got to go to Dover who are very strong, Welling who would have been in the play-offs [without a points deduction last season] and Woking that beat this lot [Sutton] 5-0 on Saturday.

"I'd rather have this than not have it, we lost on Tuesday and that hurts me, don't get me wrong, the same feelings as last year, but with all the games coming up, I would rather turn up and know we've



got all these boys coming.

"It is going to be a tough year, but let's have a look at the league in January. I said last time it's not about being top of the league or bottom of the league in December, it's about where you are in May."

Tonbridge's ability to compete with the division's best will be significantly boosted when three of their key men return to full fitness. Frannie Collin, who suffered an ankle injury late in pre-season, came off the bench to score in midweek and is knocking on the door for a starting berth, but midfielders Scott Kinch and Lewis Taylor are still some way off.

Warrilow said: "I'll need a fit Frannie Collin and I'll need a fit

Lewis Taylor. Alwayne [Jones] went on and put himself about again and did okay, but Frannie's a big player for me and we need to get him on the pitch as soon as possible. It's the same with Lewis Taylor, with his energy levels. That makes it even more competitive in the squad.

"Kinchy's going to be a couple of weeks, it's his ligaments. Lewis should hopefully be a week or so as well, the problem we've got is we've got so many games coming up and you don't want to throw them in and undo all the work they've done. Let's get through the first half-dozen games, see who's fit and who's not and see where we are after that."

Kick-off on Saturday is 3pm.

Picture: DAVE COULDRIDGE

**IMPRESSIVE:** Angels fans have praised Anthony Storey's displays

TONBRIDGE ANGELS

Storey beginning to win back the Angels fans with dogged displays

BRIDGES between Anthony Storey and the Tonbridge Angels supporters are gradually being rebuilt after a series of solid displays by the feisty midfielder since returning to Longmead.

Much was made of Tommy Warrilow's decision to re-sign Storey earlier in the summer, given the acrimonious nature of his exit at the end of the 2009/2010 season. Having expected a hostile reception back at the club, Storey vowed to prove his worth on the field and so far, he has been good to his word.

Several players came in for criticism from both Warrilow and the Angels fans during pre-season and after Tuesday's home defeat to Sutton United, but on the

whole, Storey has earned positive reviews.

"I'm just trying to get on with my job, to be honest," he said. "I try not to let anything distract me and hopefully I can turn the fans' opinions round. I'm hard-working and I just want to get on with it.

"We came up against a good side [Sutton] and they outplayed us on the night. If you look at both squads, I don't think they're better than us, but we've been done on our own pitch, which is not a nice feeling. I know the rivalry between both clubs and it hurts all of us to be honest.

"I played in this league for a good three or four seasons before I came to Tonbridge and every week will be very similar to what we had on Saturday [at Maidenhead] and

Tuesday. Week in, week out, they're going to be good sides, but we're definitely good enough to compete."

Just how well-equipped the Angels are to hold their own in an increasingly strong division remains to be seen, but Storey knows Warrilow will demand a high standard from each of his players.

He said: "With the desire and passion Tommy's got, he'll be wanting to be up there in the top-half of the table without a doubt, pushing round about sixth to eighth.

"The club are fantastic and Tommy will want to be right up there, he's got so much passion and desire, the time he spends with us in training."

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TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Wells hit the FA Cup trail after injuries mar opening day win

By Steve Tervet

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VICTORY on the opening day of the Kent League season came at a high price for Tunbridge Wells, who saw two key members of their squad suffer nasty-looking injuries.

Andy Irvine scored twice on his Wells debut to seal a 2-0 win over newly-promoted Cray Valley PM, but the result was overshadowed when first Carl 'Hooley' Cornell, and then summer signing Steve Brading, were forced out of the action.

A knock to Cornell's ankle could keep him out of Saturday's FA Cup tie against Warlingham, but the news for Brading is worse. The midfielder, brought on to replace Cornell, was left in excruciating pain after dislocating his knee cap although scans at least revealed no ligament damage.

Wells manager Martin Larkin said: "It's not nice when players get injured, obviously Hooley got a knock on his ankle but more worryingly, Steve Brading dislocated his knee cap and he left the ground in an ambulance. The prognosis is quite good, though, it sounds like it might not be as long-term as we thought."

"In terms of the win, I was happy. They were a lot better than people will give them credit for, they've got two very good centre-forwards and they're strong all over the pitch with a good spirit. It was impor-



Pictures: NICK DUNGAN

KNOCK: Carl Cornell was one of two Tunbridge Wells players blighted by injury on the first day of the new season, although the forward could be back in time for Saturday's FA Cup tie

tant to win the game but I'm not going to lie, we didn't play as well as we can, we didn't hit the heights."

Another of Larkin's injury concerns appears to have been solved by the arrival of former Welling United goalkeeper Dean Nash, who impressed on his debut for the Culverden club. Michal Czanner, the Wells' regular stopper, is struggling with an ongoing groin problem, but Larkin insisted Nash had not simply been drafted in as a stop-gap.

He said: "Dean was with us during pre-season, but we showed some loyalty to Michal so Dean went and found some-

thing else. He was at Erith Town but luckily we managed to nab him back.

"If he keeps clean sheets, Michal won't get back in the team. That's what we had to promise him to get him here. Michal's aware of that and he hasn't had serious competition since we've been here."

Just two games into the new league season, the Wells are already re-directing their focus to the FA Cup and the visit of Combined Counties League side Warlingham in the extra preliminary round this weekend.

Larkin, who led his side to a memorable victory over Dul-

wich Hamlet last season, is keen to embark on another run although he admits the visitors present a largely unknown quantity.

"It's a big game, the FA Cup, so there's prize money involved," he said. "We don't know an awful lot about them and unfortunately their game on Saturday was away to Guernsey. My scouting budget doesn't quite go as far as that."

Striker Ross Cable, another summer arrival at Culverden, was unavailable against Cray Valley last weekend but is expected to play some part against Warlingham. Kick-off at Culverden is at 3pm.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

**MIXED FEELINGS:** Wells manager Martin Larkin

Larkin delighted as 10 men hold on to beat Lords

LORDSWOOD 0
TUNBRIDGE WELLS 1

ROSS Cable scored on his first competitive appearance since re-joining Tunbridge Wells in the summer as Martin Larkin's side chalked up their second win in the space of four days.

Cable struck what proved to be the winner on 27 minutes on Tuesday night, following good play by Andy Irvine.

However, the visitors were forced to play for more than half the game with 10 men after Gary Clarke was shown a straight red card for what the referee deemed a dangerous challenge.

Larkin took issue with the decision, telling the club's website: "The tackle that saw Gary Clarke sent off is one you'll see week in, week out in the Kent League. Gary only made contact with the ball and it wasn't two-footed. We're obviously frustrated now that we are going to lose a very important player for three games."

"We said at half-time that the big teams would find a way of winning the game even when handicapped with a player less, and we were delighted for the lads that they got their reward."

The Lordswood onslaught never really materialised in a second period which saw Wells goalkeeper Dean Nash largely untroubled.

SEVENOAKS TOWN

Nightmare start prompts Anslow to call for more respect from referees

DARREN Anslow makes his managerial bow in the FA Cup this weekend with the painful memories of Saturday's curtain-raising defeat at Holmesdale still fresh in his mind.

The Sevenoaks Town manager saw his side beaten 2-1 and he lost Alex King to knee ligament damage. His greatest frustration, though, was a display of what he described as bizarre officiating which included the dismissal of Aiden Sherlock for two acts of dissent. Town ended the game with nine men after Liam Gearing picked up a second booking and Anslow was scathing in his assessment of the referee.

"There were some strange decisions, which left a bit of



Picture: CHRIS TC

FUMING: Darren Anslow

a bad taste," he said. "I'm not one to moan about referees but you work hard all summer to achieve something and that happens. In this league, it's not worth the players talking to referees. I know that's difficult to do but there is a distinct lack

of respect from the referees."

Anslow's first game as a manager in the FA Cup sees Town host Combined Counties League side Ash United at Greatness Park on Saturday. Having scouted the Hampshire side in midweek, Anslow is eager to make real progress on the long road to Wembley.

He said: "If any manager says they don't want a run in the FA Cup, they're lying. We want to go as far as possible, not only for the players but financially, it's big for the club, we can put money in the bank."

King will not start physiotherapy for at least four weeks, while there are question marks over the fitness of Jamie Range and Steven Ita.

RUSTHALL

New faces expected soon as Rustics start their Invicta League adventure

RUSTHALL take their first step in the newly-formed Kent Invicta League on Saturday with a trip to face Meridian.

The Rustics are one of 16 clubs contesting the inaugural step-six division this season, with the league bridging the gap between the Kent League and the Kent County League.

Pre-season has thrown up mixed fortunes for the Tunbridge Wells club, who this season are under the joint-management of Martin Millins and Nick Coxon.

Rusthall concluded their friendly programme with a 1-1 draw against West Wickham last weekend and Millins said the summer had produced reasons to be optimistic going

**START:** Rusthall visit Meridian

into the Invicta League.

"We played really well, we showed good character and we looked confident," he said. "We had a midweek slip-up against Staplehurst, but I think it was a good test for us against a good West Wickham side."

"We've had a few interesting games against tough opposition and there have been scenarios where we haven't had a full squad of players available, but those who have been there have stepped up and showed good commitment."

With several players missing for the Meridian trip, Millins admitted the Rustics could have been better prepared for the season's opening weekend but said their squad would be bolstered in the early weeks of the campaign.

"We are still looking at bringing in new faces, so we're not finished yet. The most important thing on Saturday is ensuring we keep it tight defensively."



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